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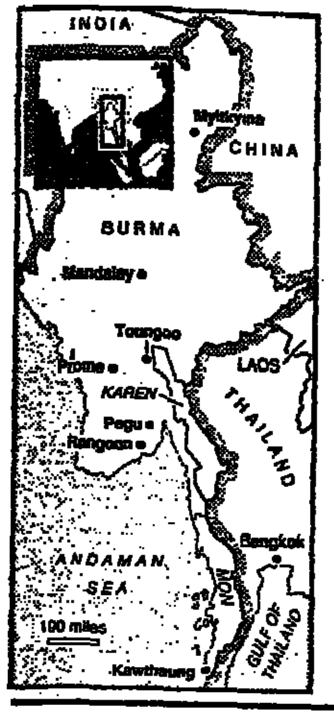

By Neil Kelly in Bangkok and Our Foreign Staff

As the Burmese crisis accelerated to the verge of civil war last night a Western diplomat estimated 1,000 people had died since the rioting began at the weekend. With unrest reported from the north to the country's southernmost port, the Government of General Sein Lwin appeared to be about to lose control of the country.

Rumours were rife that there were serious splits in the military and that troops in the central command region around Toungoo were fighting among themselves.

Rangoon radio said that troops had opened fire on crowds 18 times during the day and the dead included a policeman captured by the demonstrators and a civilian, mistaken for a policeman, who was beaten to death.

In its first direct statement on the spreading insurrection the Government vowed to continue their hardline opposition to the unrest. The Prime Minister, U Tun Tin, said the *security forces* were "doing what is necessary for the defence and security of the state".

The Army Chief of Staff, General Saw Maung, also speaking in a radio broadcast, said saboteurs had *undermined peaceful protests* and formed mobs that resorted to anarchy.

The executive committee of the Burma Socialist Programme Party was meeting under General Sein Lwin throughout the day trying to find a solution to the continuing unrest.

Among yesterday's reported but unconfirmed incidents was loss of control of the southern port of Kawthaung. Thais lving across the water from the port said they saw demonstrations throughout the day calling for the end of socialist rule and the release of jailed colleagues.

In another incident diplomats reported the refusal of troops of the 66th Light Infantry Division in *Prome to shoot at crowds*; *reports* from Pegu, north of Rangoon, said troops of the eastern command in *the Shan state rebel area had gone* over to the protesters.

One report said the commander *of the troops had been executed* and that the administration had *collapsed*.

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An Italian tourist reported that railway lines beyond Pegu had been blown up and tourists were being taken back to the capital by lorry. A 27-truck convoy, loaded with arrested demonstrators, was seen heading north out of the capital.

The diplomatic community in Rangoon is anxious for the outside world to know the truth about this week's events in Burma. A diplomat who flew into Bangkok said the most important fact was that almost all the dead and wounded were unarmed demonstrators who *had been shot by security forces* while protesting peacefully.

At the outset of this week's *protests the rioters possessed* no weapons but they had since captured guns and were making petrol *bombs. Reports of dissension* within the armed forces were numerous and the diplomat believed *that civil war was a real* danger unless the Government quickly met some of the people's *demands*.

These were the removal of President Sein Lwin; restoration of democracy with *political* parties permitted to run for election, and relief from economic hardship. He *doubted if the situation could be* brought under control while President Sein Lwin remained in power.

"The Burmese Army apparently feels it is necessary to shoot down unarmed people," he said. Based on the number of bodies seen in temples, hospitals and elsewhere, he said it had been estimated that *between 300 and 400 people had* been killed in the capital alone. According to the Burmese Government *fewer than 100 people have* been killed, nine of them soldiers or police. "Hunger is the driving *force behind the rebellion*," *said* the diplomat. "There's little food in the markets and anyway most *people don't have the money to* buy it."

He described support for the protests as "*virtually 100 percent*" and said the demonstrations appeared spontaneous and involved people of all ages and sections of society. He confirmed reports that anti-government groups had taken control of several areas outside Rangoon.

Most foreign diplomats believed that government appeals for calm would go unheard and that there was virtually no time for the Government to implement its promised reforms. Soon after taking office President Sein Lwin *offered economic reforms*, a cleanup of corruption and more open government.

The crack of rifle fire throughout the day was accompanied by what the Government said was preparation *of petrol bombs by protesters* who had rioted, destroying and looting government buildings.

Many of the protesters appeared to have been enraged by an incident on Tuesday when troops opened fire outside the Rangoon General Hospital killing at least one doctor and several nurses. Troops are said to have opened fire when medical staff formed up outside the building to protest that they could no longer treat patients as they had run out of blood, drugs and other supplies.

One tourist, who returned to Bangkok, said he saw dried blood on the pavement and bullet holes in the walls.

£2bn hotels sale leaked

Leading bank sacks two for inside dealing

By David Brewerton

Two dealers at County NatWest WoodMac, the investment banking arm of the National Westminster Bank, have been sacked for dealing on inside information about the proposed £2 billion sale of Inter-Continental Hotels.

The company is the stockbroker to the owner of Inter-Continental, Grand Metropolitan, and information about the proposed sale leaked from the bank's corporate finance department to the dealing room.

Before the proposed sale was announced to the Stock Exchange, the two dealers bought Grand Metropolitan shares from other market makers. When the sale was announced, the shares jumped 25p each in value.

***Last night, County NatWest* and National Westminster Bank would only confirm that *two people* had been dismissed. "It is not our policy to discuss staff matters", said a spokesman.**

It appears that the two dealers were acting not in their own financial interests but for the bank itself, which was unaware of the dealings. *When it was discovered, they* were sacked.

It is understood that National Westminster has offered to cancel the deals done.

The breach of security within one of *the City's* leading merchant banks is a major embarrassment to County *NatWest. The incident* ocurred on Monday, and the two dealers, both in their twenties, were dismissed on Wednesday.

The chairman and chief *executive of County Natwest* Woodmac, Mr John Chiene, was unavailable yesterday, as was *Mr Terry Green*, chief executive of NatWest Investment Bank and County *NatWest* Limited. The immediate superior of the two sacked dealers, Mr Colin Mills, head of market making at County NatWest WoodMac, said he could not comment.

However, *The Times* understands that the two dealers are Mr Stephen Floyd and Mr Russell Kean. Mr Kean moved to County NatWest WoodMac recently from Chase Manhattan Securities. He was admitted to the Stock Exchange only in 1986, the year of "Big Bang".

Some dealers in the stock market feel that the two have been made a scapegoat for a breakdown in security. "Once they had the information, they *could* not *win*", *commented* one dealer. "If they acted on it and got found out, they would be sacked. *If they did nothing*, they would have lost their firm money".

The breach of security worries is of concern to the Stock Exchange, which will be contacting the compliance officer at County NatWest to establish how the so-called "Chinese Wall" which separates banking and advisory business from investment dealing broke down.

Mr Allen Sheppard, chairman of Grand Metropolitan for which County NatWest was acting as adviser, said the first he knew of the incident was when he was telephoned by a newspaper.

"We do not know what happened at (County NatWest) WoodMac. Our shares were rising slightly by mid morning", he added.

Mr Sheppard said that Grand Metropolitan "did all the right things" and informed the Stock Exchange of the proposed sale before making a public announcement.

The incident is the latest of several mishaps at County NatWest *involving* its dealing staff. Last year, at least four employees were dismissed from the company when a trainee accountant ran up losses of £1 million dealing in options (high risk contracts to buy or sell shares at a predetermined price at some time in the future).

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- There was one winner of the daily prize yesterday (see **page 3**) so the Portfolio Accumulator *remains unchanged at* £146,000.

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Lloyds to lift Access card rate

Lloyds Bank is increasing the interest rate on its Access *credit card from 23.8 per cent* **(APR) to 25.3 per cent from August 19.**

A spokesman for National Westminster said that after the Lloyds move and TSB's *decision* to charge 25.3 per cent for its Trustcard, a similar increase for its Access card would be under consideration.

Midland Access and Barclaycard are at 23.1 per cent. The Halifax Building Society's Visa card stands at 20.9 per cent.

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Tyson accepts

Mike Tyson has agreed terms to fight Frank Bruno at Wembley *Stadium* on *October 8*, according to Jarvis Astaire, the British promoter . Page 36

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Merged benefit fraud unit being considered

By Robin Oakley and Kerry Gill

The Government is expected to establish a single fraud investigation unit, merging those of the Social Security and Employment Departments, within the lifetime of this parliament. The squads would concentrate full-time on exposing people who defraud the benefit system.

As a first step, Ministers within the Department of Social Security are expected to set up separate squads of investigators in regional office.

The idea of creating a separately funded anti-fraud agency within regional organ*isations of the former DHSS* was one of about 50 recommendations in a recent internal report on the working methods of the department compiled by officials. It is now being studied by ministers.

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Government move to defuse nursing pay crisis

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Nurses gather outside North Manchester General Hospital before burning regrading forms. (Photograph: Barry Greenwood)

Ministry 'clarifies' stance on regrading

By Jill Sherman, Philip Webster and Ian Smith

The Government tried to defuse the growing crisis over nurses' pay last night by declaring that most ward sisters would be graded on higher scales.

The apparent softening in the Government's stance came in a letter from the chairman of the management *side in the current pay negotiations*, Mr Nicholas Gurney.

Nurses at North Manchester General Hospital burnt regrading forms yesterday during a one-hour token strike. They said their action would be followed by large-scale industrial action unless the Government altered the NHS grading structure.

The initiative was agreed *yesterday with Mrs Edwina* Currie, the junior health minister, in an attempt to stop an *escalation of the industrial* action that started in Manchester at lunchtime.

Although it received a cautious welcome last night, there was continuing confusion over the Government's intentions in the carefully worded letter. Health authorities promptly issued a statement saying the exercise had to be fully funded by the Government.

The prospect of more sisters achieving grade G status was initially enough to make *health service unions* reconsider their refusal to continue negoitations with the *Department of Health*.

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Runcie in more talks with Iranians

By Andrew McEwen

Efforts by Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to secure the release of Mr Terry Waite and other hostages in Lebanon reached a sensitive stage yesterday when he held a second meeting with a senior Iranian official at Lambeth Palace in London.

The talks coincided with the departure for Iran of a British diplomat, Mr David Reddaway, on a mission to assess whether it is advisable to resume a permanent diplomatic presence *in Iran. He* said he hoped to make progress on the fate of the hostages during his two to three-week visit.

Dr Runcie's talks with Mr Reza Said Mohamedi, who runs the Iranian Foreign Ministry's Western European department, raised hopes that Tehran may be ready to use its influence with Hezbollah, the *pro-Iranian group believed to* be holding Mr Waite.

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The Iranian Embassy issued a statement last night which implied that it was already trying to help. "We are exploring the possibilities and ways of mutual assistance in tracing *non-Iranian hostages in Lebanon*", it said. It repeated earlier requests for help in *locating Iranian hostages* who have disappeared in Beirut.

Dr Runcie made clear that the chances of success depended on discretion.

"I believe that everyone *who is genuinely concerned* about the improvement of Anglo-Iranian relations and about the British hostages in Lebanon will recognize that there are times when progress can only be made quietly", he said.

A spokesman for the Archbishop added: "The Archbishop feels there are times when *the situation* can be helped by saying nothing".

It was confirmed, however, *that the first meeting*, which lasted 75 minutes and was soon after Mr Mohamedi flew *in on Wednesday, dealt with* Western hostages.

Training international athletes

College for sporting elite

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Britain's first international sports college modelled on schools in East Germany and the Soviet Union will open in September next year.

The college at Ingmanthorpe Hall, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, which will concentrate *initially* on *athletics*, golf, soccer, swimming and tennis, will be aimed at *producing competitors of* international standard.

Ingmanthorpe Hall was previously a private residential school for maladjusted children. It will cater for 240 boys and girls aged between 12 and 18, with fees of £7,000 a year.

A trust fund, the International Scholarship Awards Trust, whose backers include sportswear and other companies, has been established to organize bursaries and scholarships through commercial and industrial sponsorship.

Mr Ron Pickering, the former athletics coach and sports commentator, who has been engaged as a consultant, said yesterday: "I have long thought we should have schools of excellence as we do for music and ballet. Sport has been neglected too long.

"I have visited sports schools in *Cuba, East* Germany and Russia and they are not the dens of iniquity some people claim they are. They are very pleasant places indeed where students are given a rounded education. They are exactly the sort of places I would have given my back teeth to have gone to as a kid."

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The other consultants are Mr Charlie Wilson, the former Britain and Olympic swimming coach; Miss Sue Mappin, national women's team manager for the Lawn Tennis Association; Mr Eddie Gray, the former Scottish international and Leeds United football manager, and Mr Geoffrey Cotton, the golf professional.

Mr Geoffrey Newsome, a founding director of the International Sports College, said in *The Times Educational Supplement* this week: "The Eastern bloc countries were pioneering this concept of combining education with sporting excellence in 1952. Russia has more than 5,000 sports schools *attended* by 1.75 *million* pupils spending 25 hours a week on education and another 25 hours a week on sport."

A £1.5 million redevelopment plan, financed from *private capital*, *has been* approved by Harrogate Council to provide track, field, pitch *and indoor facilities*.

The college is also expecting to attract students from the US, Japan, Hong Kong, Pakistan, China and Scan-dinavia.

Barlow Clowes creditors receive a 'scapegoat'

By Robin Young

Mr Edward Dolman had a hard time yesterday, confronting some 700 small investors who had lost money in Barlow Clowes. Mr Dolman is the official receiver. What he was at Central Hall, Westminster, to receive, it seemed, was the rough edge of creditors' tongues.

Failing the attendance of the free *spending* Mr Peter Clowes ("I would break his legs if I could get at him", one investor said, convincingly) or the *eloquent Lord* Young ("He's wriggling out of his responsibilities", a woman told the meeting to prolonged applause) Mr Dolman *evidently suspected* that he was to be scapegoat-in-chief.

He was also handicapped. He could not hear questions from the *floor and*, thanks to television lights, could not see where they were coming from either.

At one point he entered into a laborious explanation of why there must be a voting majority for the appointment of joint liquidators, but many in the audience had never been to a creditors' meeting before and were vague about *what was supposed to be happening*.

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Mr Dolman's dithering did not help. The receiver first argued against a show *of hands*, then *allowed one*, and later tried to insist that its result must be conclusive. The meeting was not having that. *Finally he allowed a paper vote*.

In the front stalls a woman fainted. "Is there a doctor in the house?" It gave some *idea of the social standing of* people caught in the Barlow Clowes trap that about a dozen stood up.

Mrs Maron Honeybourne, from Ealing, west London, said she had invested her life savings of more than £30,000 with the group. "The Government wants us to invest for the future and to supplement our pensions, and that was what I was doing on Government advice", she said.

Mr Michael Jordan, who was confirmed as one of the joint liquidators appointed, told the meeting he hoped to achieve the "fullest possible repayment of your monies" by Christmas. The repayment would, he said, be "substantial", but when asked to define "substantial" *he said the questioner would have* to look it up in a dictionary. A more reassuring and popular figure than the *unfortunate Mr Dolman, he actually got* a laugh for that.

Mrs Maron Honeybourne: lost life savings of £30,000.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Duchess prepares to leave hospital

The Duchess of York and her still unnamed infant daughter are expected to leave hospital this morning. The Duke and Duchess will probably take the baby with them to Balmoral next week, but the Queen – who has not visited the hospital – is likely have a chance to see her new grandchild before leaving for her Scottish summer holiday with other members of the Royal Family on Monday.

● The Prince and Princess of Wales and their two sons will go against royal tradition today when they all board the same aircraft to fly to Majorca for a private visit as guests of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia. "It is normal practice for the Prince of Wales not to fly with both his sons, but there is no hard and fast rule". Buckingham Palace said yesterday.

Police plea to blacks

Police appealed to the black community in Birmingham yesterday to track down the two killers of Mr John Worwood, aged 44, the Securicor guard stabbed outside a city centre bank during an attempted robbery on Wednesday. A spokeman said: "Anyone who has committed a crime of this ferocity is going to be highly agitated. The change in their behaviour is going to be noticeable and we are appealing to the community to help us trace them." Mr Gerald Hall, aged 32, a window cleaner stabbed as he tried to help the guard, was in a stable condition yesterday.

Russian Savoy Opera

Muscovites are to have their first taste of Gilbert and Sullivan in 1990, the reformed D'Oyly Carte Opera announced yesterday.It will be the first visit to the Soviet Union in the 106-year history of the company, which was disbanded in 1982 after a cash crisis but revived in March. Mr Dick Condon, the general manager, wrote to the Soviet Embassy suggesting the idea and the head of the the artistic department of Goskontsert, the Soviet concert agency, approved the project after visiting the first night of *Iolanthe* at the Cambridge Theatre in London last month.

Stockton home sold

The family home of the late Lord Stockton, the former prime minister Harold Macmillan, has been sold to an undisclosed buyer for £7 million, £2 million more than the asking price. Birchgrove House, completed in 1926, stands in 1,234 acres of wooded land at Chelwood Gate, East Sussex. It was put on the market two months ago and had attracted about forty prospective buyers, Humberts of London, the agents, said yesterday.

Overseas Aids risks

Heterosexual British men and women are hundreds of times more at risk of contracting Aids while abroad than in the UK, according to a report in *The Lancet* yesterday. Men are 500 times more likely to get Aids overseas, and women about 166 times more at risk. Professor Richard Feachem and Miss Penny Phillips-Howard of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine reported a 20 per cent increase in Aids cases between January and May of this year among Britons probably infected abroad.

Pubs launch ID cards

Voluntary identity cards for people who are old enough to drink but may not look it are to be introduced by the National Licensed Victuallers' Association. Customers will be able to buy them for a nominal fee on production of proof of age. Meanwhile, a round of beer price increases, blamed on high costs, has been announced. Northern drinkers are already starting to pay between 3p to 6p more for a pint, with Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, Whitbread, Grand Metropolitan and Ind Coope raising prices in several regions.Bass and Charrington will follow suit on Monday.

Hodgson shares lead

By Harry Golombek

Julien Hodgson, the young international master, continued his good form in the tenth round of the Kleinwort Benson British Chess Championship at Blackpool yesterday.

Hodgson emerged with credit after a hard-fought draw against Glenn Flear, the Leicester grand master, with whom he shares the tournament lead.

Robert Bellin, the international master, also played well for another tight draw against Murray Chandler.

Result 10: Hodgson, ½ Flear ½: Chandler 1. Lane 0: A Costen 1, P Wells 0: D Norwood 1, C Beaumont 0: M Pein 0, C McNab 1: A Mortazavi, ½ V Anand ½: V Knox ½, M Orr ½: K Arkell 1, N Carr 0: G Morrison 1, G Crawley 0: L Cooper ½, P Hempson ½: Dr J Miles 1, G Oswald 0: P Morris 1, C Burgess 0: I Findlay 1, D Coleman 0: D Knox 0, P Large 1: A Dunnington ½, B Lund ½: M Hennigan 0, G Quillan 1: J Poulton ½, Miss S Jackson ½: P Hutchinson 1, A Jones 0.
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Engineering faces shortage of students

By Sam Kiley
Universities Reporter

Universities are faced with a shortfall in the number of applications for places in engineering, pure science and foreign languages, with just a week to go before the publication of A level results.

Administrators fear they will have to resort to the University Central Council on Admissions clearing system which allocates spare places to students who scored grades below what were needed for their first choice of college.

Mr Nick Foskett, schools liason officer at Aston University, said there was a gradual decline in the numbers of applications to engineering over the past few years as students had hedged their bets by applying to multi-disciplined courses or the humanities so they were "not committed irrevocably to one field".

Figures from admissions council published today in *The Times Higher Education Supplement* show a drop of between 10 and 15 per cent in students applying to engineering courses. They also show that it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract top students to single-honours foreign language courses.

Applications to Italian courses have fallen by 16 per cent, to French courses by 13 per cent, and to German by 9 per cent, while Russian is the only language for thich there has been an increase. Mrs Jennifer Jackson, asistant registrar at King's College, London, said the decline in applications to language courses reflected the increased crowding in subjects available for GCSE, which had deterred students from learning a second language.

According to the educational journal, applications to the seven colleges at the University of Wales are down 6 per cent, producing 300 vacancies for clearing. Bangor is the hardest hit with 100 vacancies, covering most subjects except sociology, banking, accountancy and psychology, and Swansea is expecting to go to clearing with 20 science places and 20 in engineering.

The Times will publish the places available through the admissions council and the Polytechnics Central Admissions System, from August 24.

● The Law Society is to circulate a consultative document on legal education asking colleges to improve the standard of written English among undergraduates. The moves comes in the wake of the Marre report into the future of the legal profession, in which concern was expressed over the ability of graduates to draft documents and show adequate levels of literacy.

According to *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, the document will also ask if the there is more that colleges can do to "place law in its social, commercial and legal context". Concern exists that law graduates are insufficiently prepared to deal with the nature of the business and commercial world and that greater emphasis needs to be made in law courses with the approach of 1992 and the establishment of the single European market.

The Law Society document suggests this imbalance be redressed by splitting the final year of the law course, so that some subjects can be done while the student is undertaking articles, and altering the content of training in the final course to reflect the subjects in which the student will specialize.

● Fifty-six British technology projects linking higher education with industry across Europe will share £1 million of extra funding from the EEC after the latest round of awards from the Community Action Programme for Higher Education and Training for Technology.

Transport workers ban overtime at Coca-Cola

By Roland Rudd

Workers at all 26 Coca-Cola Schweppes plants in Britain will begin industrial action today in protest at alleged breaches of contract by the company.

The move comes after the Transport and General Workers' Union lost a single-union agreement to a rival organization.

The company gave the Amalgamated Engineering Union exclusive negotiating rights at a £20 million plant it is building at Wakefield, West Yorkshire, rejecting requests from the transport union, which represents 90 per cent of all Coca-Cola workers.

Yesterday the transport union reported the AEU to the TUC's disputes committee for breaking the Bridlington rules, governing the relationships between trade unions.

Mr Bill Jordan, the AEU president, is unlikely to accept any moves to to restrict his union from signing the agreement.

Nine hundred of the transport union's 1,300 members employed by Coca-Cola Schweppes Beverages will begin an overtime ban today after talks broke down.

Mr Bob Harrison, TGWU national secretary for the food and drink industry, said: "We have been forced to take this action by the company's breaches of national agreements on distribution, and its refusal to set up joint negotiating machinery to deal with sick pay, pensions and working conditions".

He emphasized that the dispute over the Wakefield single-union deal was a separate issue. However, the decision to go into dispute with the company was almost certainly prompted by the deal.

"The AEU is taking us back decades with this agreement. It is a no-strike deal with a unaccountable works council which will not represent the workforce", Mr Harrison said.

Mr Jordan strenuously denied last night that his union had signed a no-strike deal and said its terms and conditions had been acceptable to the TGWU leadership while it was competing for the deal.

By insisting that the company develop the Wakefield plant inside its national agreement with Coca-Cola, the transport union is adopting a stance similar to the one it took over Ford's proposed £40 million plant at Dundee.

Ford finally scrapped its plans and opted for a Spanish site after the transport union threatened to black all components coming out of the plant.

● Three hundred Rover workers walked out yesterday and a further 1,000 were sent home at the Longbridge plant in Birmingham as British Aerospace shareholders voted on a proposed takeover.

The dispute, the company said, was over management's decision to increase Rover 200 output at Longbridge from 2,300 vehicles a week to 2,500

As a result, 150 workers from the Rover 200 paintshop night shifts walked out, complaining that they had not agreed to the new production levels. About 500 workers on the assembly line were sent home because there were no painted car bodies. The walk-out and lay-off were repeated on the day shift.

Diplomat takes off for Iran

Mr David Reddaway, the British diplomat, leaving Heathrow yesterday for Tehran, where he hopes during his two-week stay to make progress towards securing the release of Mr Terry Waite and other Western hostages held in Beirut (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Optimism on prison dispute

By Andrew Morgan

Members of the national executive of the Prison Officers' Association yesterday said they were "optimistic" that the dispute over manning levels at Holloway Prison, in north London, would be resolved.

Talks were again adjourned last night and the Holloway branch committee will meet the prison's management this morning. The Home Office described the discussions as "constructive", but would not give details of new proposals on manning, which is at the core of the dispute.

Miss Jackie Mobbs, a member of the POA executive, said there had been "movement on both sides", but there were still some stumbling blocks. Even if the dispute were settled, she said, it would take at least one day before the conditions needed for a return to work were fully organized.

If the 200 striking Holloway officers return, it is likely that most of the women's establishments taking action in support of their colleagues will now start to work normally again.

However, staff at Styal women's prison, in Cheshire, are likely to continue refusing to handle new prisoners until their own grievances over manning are resolved.

Mrs Patricia Burgess, the branch chairman, said that any moves would be resolved by the branch, but she would not be surprised if the women voted to continue refusing new admissions.

"We have been making our grievances known for over 12 months and they have been ignored. The decison is with the branch, but it would not amaze me if they stayed out", she said.

"If Styal officers continue their action, then some convicted prisoners will probably be taken to Bullwood Hall, in Essex, and Holloway, which will be an inconvenience for both the prisoners and their relatives".

Officers at Norwich and Parkhurst will also continue their independent actions and it is likely that men at Wandsworth will do the same. Officers at Strangeways Prison, in Manchester, have refused to handle new admissions from August 21.

Six offenders at a temporary barracks prison in Aldershot, Surrey, were moved around the country last night after they helped to set fire to a dormitory and fittings when they were refused permission to watch a late-night film.

Three fire crews attended the blaze at the Alma Dettingen Barracks after fires broke out inside a dormitory after furniture was dragged outside and set alight.

Servicemen had ordered the men to bed and refused to let them watch the film, *The Choirboys*, about errant Los Anglese policemen. They then set fire to curtains.

The prison was opened on May 9 as part of a scheme to reduce the number of people being held in police cells. It houses 336 category-C prisoners and the servicemen are supervized by 10 civilians.

A Home Office spokesman said that the trouble was confined to about 12 men sharing one dormitory room. "Despite the damage caused the room was not made uninhabitable and the inmates were able to spend the night there once the situation was under control", he said.

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Censure over acid in water

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

A scientific inquiry into a discharge of acid into water supplies for north Cornwall that affected dozens of people is expected to be severely critical of the South West Water Authority.

The accidental dumping last month of 20 tonnes of aluminium sulphate, used to brighten water, directly into the water reservoirs is believed to be responsible for the contamination, which also killed thousands of fish.

The water authority maintains that the water is safe, describing the acidity as no greater than that of lemon juice.

However, a pollution specialist is expected to criticize the authority for not doing enough to prevent the dumping. Dr John Lawrence, head of the ICI Group Environment Laboratory at Brixham, Devon, said yesterday: "On the assumption of what is alleged is true I will be saying some stern things".

The incident took place at the Lower Moor treatment works at Camelford, north Cornwall on July 6.

In evidence gathered for the report, due to be published next week, Mrs Jeannie Hampshire of Tintagel told Dr Lawrence that her daughter aged 18 months suffered from sickness, diarrhoea and burns to the mouth.

Many of the 20,000 consumers in the Camelford, Tintagel, Delabole, St Teath and Port Isaac areas have criticized the authority's handling of the situation. Some cafes and public houses in the Camelford area have been using bottled water because of fears over the supplies from the tap.

Oil rig may have shed toxic chemical

By John Young

Nearly five tonnes of highly toxic polychlorinated biphenyls may have been released into the North Sea as a result of the Piper Alpha disaster, it was disclosed yesterday.

The chemicals, known as PCBs, were contained in four electrical transformers on board the oil platform, on which 167 workers died last month. Occidental Petroleum, the platform's owners, said it was possible but very unlikely that the transformers were still intact.

The company, in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, has taken samples of water from near the rig. The disclosure about the PCBs came only a few hours after the governments of countries bordering the North and Baltic seas had been urged to halt the leakage of PCBs into the environment, and to stop the discharge of other persistent pollutants.

A two-day meeting of scientists in London, organized by Greenpeace and the University of London School of Biological Sciences, concluded that there was a possible link between contamination by toxic chemicals and the recent deaths of thousands of seals. However, it was pointed out that a leakage from Piper Alpha could not have been solely responsible for the seal deaths, since the outbreak of the disease was first noted before the disaster.

Scientists at the meeting said the evidence indicated that about 7,000 out of a total population of between 15,000 and 16,000 common seals around the coasts of mainland Europe had died of a mystery disease since its outbreak on a Danish island in April. The 25,000 common seals in British waters were at risk of infection, and grey and ringed seals might also be in danger.

However, there was no conclusive evidence yet that the disease had spread to Britain, and the wide variety of symptoms cast some doubt on there being a single strain of infection.

There was evidence from other mammal and animal groups that PCBs, dioxins and other persistent organic compounds could adversely affect their immune response, the scientists said. Such compounds were known to occur in the North and Baltic seas.

● Monster turtles, weighing up to a ton, have been sighted off the British coast thousands of miles from their normal homes off South America.

Military rejects curbs on flying

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

The Royal Air Force has rejected an international call to ban low flying in uncontrolled airspace by jets using only visual "see and avoid" techniques at more than 287 miles an hour.

Instead it is to join other Nato air forces in drawing up guidelines to enable pilots to fly more safely.

A ban on "see and avoid" procedures for all aircraft travelling at more than 250 knots below 10,000 ft was urged by the Visual Flight Operations Panel of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) as part of a a report drawn up last year by navigational experts from around the world.

The Nato air forces argued that such a ban would mean an end to effective low flying training. The existing procedure was supported by Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, in the wake of this week's collision between two RAF Tornados in Cumbria, because, he said, it had worked well for many years. "The general principle is – and it works well – see and avoid", he said.

The military is technically exempt from following the civil aviation organization's rules which, when ratified, have the force of law, but because it shares air space with civilian traffic, it normally obeys them.

However, the Visual Flight Operations Panel of ICAO argues that the maximum effective visual range from a cockpit is about five miles, and says it is impossible for pilots to react in time to avoid each other if either is travelling at more than 250 knots.

Some countries favour a complete separation of military and civilian flights but this is rejected by the RAF which believes that airspace over Britain is in such short supply that it must be shared.

FLIGHTCHECK

● Mr Guy Bell, managing director of Gatwick, yesterday condemnedsuggestions that the airport is unsafe because of resurfacing of a runway at night.

"It would be more than my job is worth, let alone the lives of the pilots who fly in regularly, to try to operate an airport which did not fully meet all the safety criteria... Gatwick is safe", he said.

● A Virgin Atlantic flight to Newark, New Jersey, from Gatwick was delayed for almost 24 hours yesterday because of technical problems with a Boeing 747 (Emma Wilkins writes).

Passengers expecting to leave at 4.15pm on Wednesday were told the flight would not take off until 3pm yesterday because of damage to one of the plane's engine mountings.

At Manchester, Cal Air flights were delayed for up to two-and-a-quarter hours because of continuing problems with an aircraft damaged almost two weeks ago. A Cal Air flight to Palma was expected to leave at 9.30am, but was delayed until 11am, and another Cal Air flight to Las Palmas, scheduled to leave at 5pm, left at 6.35pm.

At Luton, a British Island Airways flight to Pisa which should have left at 9.30am took off at 11.48am. The 4.25pm British Island Airways flight to Venice left at 5.55pm, and a Monarch Airways flight to Las Palmas was two-and-a-half hours late when it finally departed at 8.10pm.

At Birmingham, an Adria Airways flight from Pula expected at 11.15am was delayed until 2pm, and an Air Yugoslavia flight from Dubrovnik arrived one-and-a-half hours late at 12.04pm.

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Military rejects curbs on flying

By Harvey Elliot Air Correspondent

Soaring house prices 'holding back firms in the South-east'

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Rocketing house prices and the lack of rented accommodation in London and the South-east is retarding the growth of companies, according to a Confederation of British Industry survey.

Many firms are spending huge sums to attract workers from regions where housing is much cheaper.

Mr Brian Street, chairman of the CBI's south-east regional council, said that the soaring property prices and shortage of rented premises interfered with staff recruitment and retention.

More than 200 firms in the South-east took part in the survey, and an overwhelming majority said that those twin problems were affecting their expansion plans. "This means the competitiveness of British industry is being hampered", Mr Street said.

"Companies report difficulties in transferring all types of employees to the area, though particular problems are associated with scientific, technical, managerial and skilled manual staff.

"The problems are not confined to small or large firms, or to any particular industry. They are evident right across the board."

A big Kent firm told the CBI that because of the high cost of housing, personnel who had come down from the North after being made redundant had invariably been forced home to rejoin the dole queues – in spite of the incentives. A large Surrey firm told the researchers: "It is practically impossible to attract engineers to the South-east from other parts of the country".

With the boom set to continue, a large firm in Brighton, East Sussex, reported: "Perhaps the true cost is the unknown factor of those who do not apply for jobs in the first place".

The survey showed that one in ten companies are spending more than £100,000 a year in housing expenses to attract and keep staff in the South-east.

Nearly 60 per cent of the companies that took part in the survey said they paid between £1,000 and £50,000 a year in similar costs.

About 80 per cent of the firms said they were offering housing subsidies or other incentives to potential recruits even though it cost them considerable amounts of money.

The CBI is hoping to organize a meeting of planners in Kent, Surrey and East and West Sussex at which the confederation will emphasize the seriousness of the position and discuss a number of possible solutions.

Many firms in the area believe there is no alternative to the release of more land for housing, if the productive effort of local companies is not to be constrained.

Ninety-six per cent of firms in the CBI survey said the housing market was a problem. The most serious aspect was the lack of rented accommodation.

For 61 per cent of those questioned it was a "major" problem, with 73 per cent saying that such difficulties were, to some extent, affecting their plans for expansion. Firms surveyed said scientific and technical staff accounted for 51 per cent of those transferred to or recruited in the South-east, while 29 per cent were managerial.

While the smaller firms said their problem was in recruting managerial staff, the larger firms complained that their difficulties were in attracting scientific and technical staff.

The survey showed that the larger firms offere more incentives to existing and prospective staff, though spending per person worked out higher for smaller firms.

Few firms were offering company housing, though more were considering this as "an expensive but necessary solution".

The CBI says there is no easing of the problem in sight. It was likely to worsen, with 35 per cent of firms surveyed expecting to recruit or transfer more staff into the South-east over the next two years, reflecting the buoyant conditions in the region.

Next month the CBI is holding a conference for firms who are struggling with the housing market.

The conference will explore the options open to companies to help them solve their recruitment difficulties.

Speeding guidelines

Verbal warning at 85mph

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

New guidelines issued to chief constables over the prosecution of motorists for speeding were criticized yesterday for being too lenient.

The guidelines, which are only advisory, have been issued by the traffic committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers. They suggest that on motorways, provided a vehicle is being driven responsibly and conditions are good, people driving at up to 85 mph (15 mph above the legal maximum) should only receive a verbal warning.

At speeds of 85 mph to 95 mph, a ticket for a fixed penalty of £24 should be issued and, above 95 mph, prosecution should be considered. It was being emphasized yesterday that the guidelines are discretionary and dependent on the driving conditions and the way in which a vehicle was being driven.

On roads with lower speed limits, such as 60 mph, it is suggested that verbal warnings should be given for speeds up to 10 mph above the legal limit, fixed penalties for those exceeding the limit by 11-25 mph, and a summons issued above that level.

Mrs Jeanne Breen of the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, said that 85 mph seemed too high a speed for verbal warnings. It was possible that the guidelines refelected the fact that police resources on motorways were too scant and it called for more use of speed cameras on motorways.

The Automobile Association said for some years there had been a margin of tolerance in the enforcement of the law, and the association's guidlines appeared to be an attempt to codify that practice to achieve national uniformity. But the AA said they were only guidelines and that people driving above the legal limit could face prosecution.

Tributes amid grief and anger

The coffin of Lance Corporal Michael Robbins is carried from the chapel yesterday (Photographs: Denzil McNeelance).

By Edward Gorman

The first British Serviceman killed in England by the IRA since 1982 was a "very good soldier" and "a most popular character who joined in everything", his commanding officer said yesterday.

Colonel Peter Wescott of the Royal Engineers paid tribute to Lance Corporal Michael Robbins, aged 23, at a full military service held in the chapel of Inglis Barracks in Mill Hill, north-west London, yards from where the soldier died 10 days ago.

As the service took place amid high security a bishop said at a Belfast funeral for a mudred Roman Catholic that every one that faith in Northern Ireland was a potential target for Protestant paramilitary killers.

Dr Cahal Daly, Roman Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor, added: "It is a matter of great urgency that better protection be provided by the security authorities for exposed Catholic enclaves".

Lance Corporal Robbins, from Liphook, Hampshire, was killed under tons of rubble when a bomb planted by the IRA exploded as he slept. Six of the nine other servicemen injured in the blast attended the funeral, including two still being treated in hospital.

Colonel Wescott made no attempt to conceal his anger and disgust at what he described as the deliberate murder of the lance corporal.

Sapper Kevin Burden (right) injured in the bombing, leaving after the funeral service.

He said: "Mickey Robbins was a soldier doing a peacetime job in a free society in his native land – a land which is at peace with every country in the world.

"To honour his memory we must all resolve that we will never allow such evil to deflect us from pursuing the decent, caring and upright way of life which Mickey personified."

The service was attended by 200 men and women of the Army Postal and Courier Service of which Corporal Robbins was a member, and 30 family mourners led by his mother, Mrs Cindy Lock, and his stepfather, Mr Robin Lock.

The hearse was draped in the Union flag with his cap on top. His family walked behind as it passed the spot where the bomb exploded.

His mother was praised yesterday by a senior Army officer for the courage she had shown since the bombing. He disclosed she had spent three days comforting the injured in hospital and helping others caught up in the blast.

After the service the cofffin was taken under police escort to St Mary The Virgin Church, Bramshott, where a private service for family and friends was held.

He was buried in a corner of the graveyard dedicated to the memory of 300 Canadian Servicemen and one young Royal Engineers soldier killed in the Second World War.

Villagers from Liphook filled the tiny church for the service conducted by the Rev Patricia Masterman, a deaconess who is the chaplain's assistant at the barracks.

She described the lance corporal as someone with a great sense of fun, a real love for life and care for people.

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Cash goes on holiday

Mrs Christine Robinson, from Sheffield, South Yorkshire, could not believe it when she heard she was the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio prize of £4000.

"I haven't taken it in yet", she said. "Even when I rang in to claim, it did not seem real." Mrs Robinson, aged 38, a part-time infant teacher, said she would wait until her husband was sitting down before she told him the good news. "He probably won't believe it either", she said.

She is planning to put her win towards a family holiday to France in September. "The children have never been abroad before, so it will be nice for them", she said.

Mrs Robinson plays Portfolio regularly and has been reading *The Times* since she changed from *The Guardian* more than five years ago.

Theft charge

Nicholas Mason, aged 27, of Clapham, south-west London, was accused yesterday of stealing £19,196 from a Civil Service riding club that used Buckingham Palace stables. He was remanded on bail by Horseferry Road Magistrates.

Phone guard

Guards on late-night weekend trains from London to Dover are to be issued with radiotelephones to combat increasing violence. British Rail agreed the move yesterday after a 24-hour unofficial strike by 46 guards at Dover after an attack on a colleague.

Sex charges

Mr John Cannan, aged 34, of Bristol, who is accused of murdering Mrs Shirley Banks, faced six further charges yesterday involving alleged sexual assaults.

MPs' posts

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, yesterday appointed Mr Tim Yeo, MP for Suffolk, South, as his parliamentary private secretary. Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, has appointed Mr John Butterfill, MP for Bournemouth West.

Fatal crash

A man, a woman and a boy aged 14 died yesterday when their car collided with a double-decker bus between Ruthin and Mold on the A494 in north Wales. The victims have not yet been identified. Another teenage boy was also seriously injured.

Local flavour goes in fast food age

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Long established regional food preferences are gradually disappearing as a result of the ever-growing dominance of the big supermarket chains.

As we move towards the twenty-first century, we are not only eating better than ever before, and in many cases too well, but we are increasingly eating the same things.

An analysis by the Press Association of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food statistics for the past 50 years show that the first convenience foods started to appear on shop shelves in about 1960, but for most people they were an expensive luxury.

Frozen fish fingers at 4s (20p) a pound were only slightly cheaper than beef at 4s 2d a lb and more expensive than chicken at 3s 11d a lb.

In 1956, only 8 per cent of homes had a refrigerator, and as recently as 1970 only 4 per cent had a freezer. By 1980, these figures had risen to 96 per cent and 46 per cent respectively.

The analysis revealed that spending on food as a proportion of income has steadily declined.

In 1950, a quarter of all households had an income of less than £4.50 a week, and only 3 per cent had more than £13, while the average food bill was 14s 10d (74p) compared with 9s 8d (48p) in 1940.

By 1970 the bill had risen to £8.44 a week, but represented only 23 per cent of average income, and convenience foods accounted for a quarter.

Between 1975 and 1980 spending had risen to £28.84, as a result of raging inflation, but was less than 20 per cent of total expenditure. In that year spending on coffee overtook tea for the very first time.

By 1986, the average food bill had risen to £40.36 but was less than 14 per cent of disposable income. The average person ate more than three meals a week outside the home.

The survey shows that although diseases such as rickets and scurvy, which were common before the Second World War, have almost disappeared, Britons are suffering more from overeating and dietary imbalance.

In spite of persistent warnings, the percentage of fat in the national diet has continued to increase, constituting 42.6 per cent of total energy intake, well above the official guideline of 35 per cent, last achieved in 1952.

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Carnival will have 1,500 extra police

By Edward Gorman

The police are to draft in more officers than ever for this year's Notting Hill Carnival in west London, as repeated requests from carnival organizers for stewards have met with no response. Now, the police say, even if the stewards are forthcoming, it is too late to train them.

There will be 9,922 officers available for duty over the two-day free festival this year, including the additional officers. That is 1,500 more than last year, although the number called out will depend on what happens during the event.

With the carnival just over weeks away and expected to attract more than one and a half million people, the police have taken the decision despite accusations by the organizers that they are trying to take over the running of the event.

The police say that repeated requests from carnival organizers for the stewards – considered vital for public safety at the carnival and whose appointment was agreed last March – have been fruitless and that it would take at least two months to train them.

"It's what isn't happening that is worrying us", a police spokesman said last night. "The first meeting between police and the chief of stewards is scheduled for today, but that only leaves us 16 days – it is unsatisfactory."

Police concern has increased since fears were expressed by the emergency services last year when there were more than a thousand serious crimes at the carnival. They included the first murder in the 22-year history of the event, and the death of a man after ambulances failed to reach him through crowds.

Privately, the police admit the decision to draft in extra force also reflects mounting dissatisfaction with carnival organizers, the Notting Hill Carnival Arts Committee, which is facing growing criticism not only from police, but also from its own members.

The committee's seven-member board faces the prospect of being dismissed by its own 200-strong membership after a vote of no confidence at a stormy meeting in Notting Hill on Wednesday night.

The committee, led by Mr Alex Pascall, chairman and Mr Victor Crichlow, treasurer, has refused to accept the vote. However, disaffected members said they believed the board to be "finished" and will be voted out at an annual general meeting after this year's carnival.

Royal relative in a Manchester semi

By Ruth Gledhill

A relative of the Queen is living in obscurity in a three-bedroomed semi-detached house in Manchester, it was claimed by *Burke's Peerage* yesterday.

The engineer, who is in his late 40s, is married with children and has asked not to be named, is directly descended from the 13th Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, grandfather of the Queen Mother.

He is a member of the Bowes-Lyon family and is second cousin, once removed, to the Queen and third cousin to the Prince of Wales.

His existence, the result of an illicit affair, has remained a closely guarded secret. Had it been known, he might have inherited a Bowes-Lyon mansion, Ridley Hall, at Bardon Mill, Northumberland, now a public school.

The engineer's grandfather, Charles Lindsay Claude Bowes-Lyon, had a passionate love affair with a member of his mother's household, described as a "lady-in-waiting".

Charles Bowes-Lyon was the eldest son of Francis Bowes-Lyon, the Queen Mother's uncle and second son of the 13th earl.

The liaison resulted in his only child, a son – also called Charles – the father of the engineer. Charles Bowes-Lyon, a lieutenant in the Black Watch, was killed at Ypres in October 1914, when his son was five years old.

The boy joined a public school in the north Midlands as a boarder, the fees paid by his grandfather, Mr Francis Bowes-Lyon.

The only other member of the family believed to have known of his existence was his father's younger sister, Winifred, who died childless.

He lived with an aunt until he was 10 when his mother married and he joined her.

He married and had a son, who was told about his family origins when he was 21.

Mr Harold Brooks-Baker, publishing director of *Burke's Peerage*, said: "Great aristocratic families have always had a tradition of accepting illegitimacy in an understanding and Christian way and this is a case in point."

He said that the engineer approached *Burke's* seeking recognition of his position as a member of the Bowes-Lyon family after hearing that they proposed recording illegitimate offspring of noble and royal families.

"We told him it was a matter of considerable public interest."

Burke's Peerage authenticated the story after examining the birth certificate and letters written to him and to his aunt, the mother's sister, by Mr Francis Bowes-Lyon.

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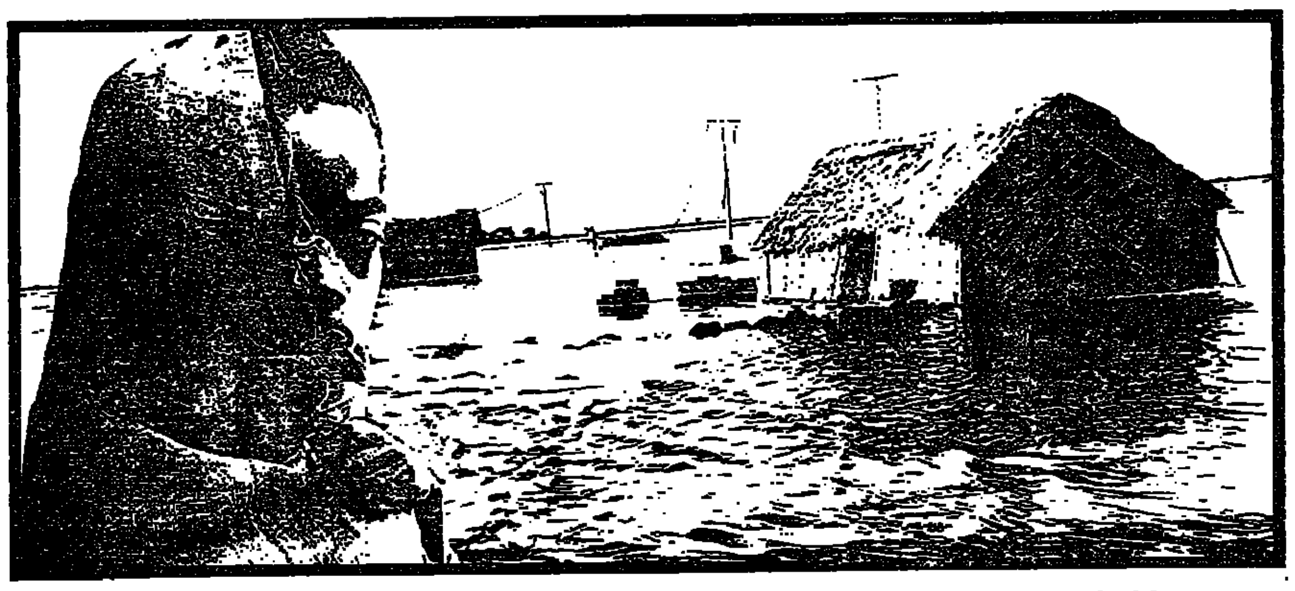

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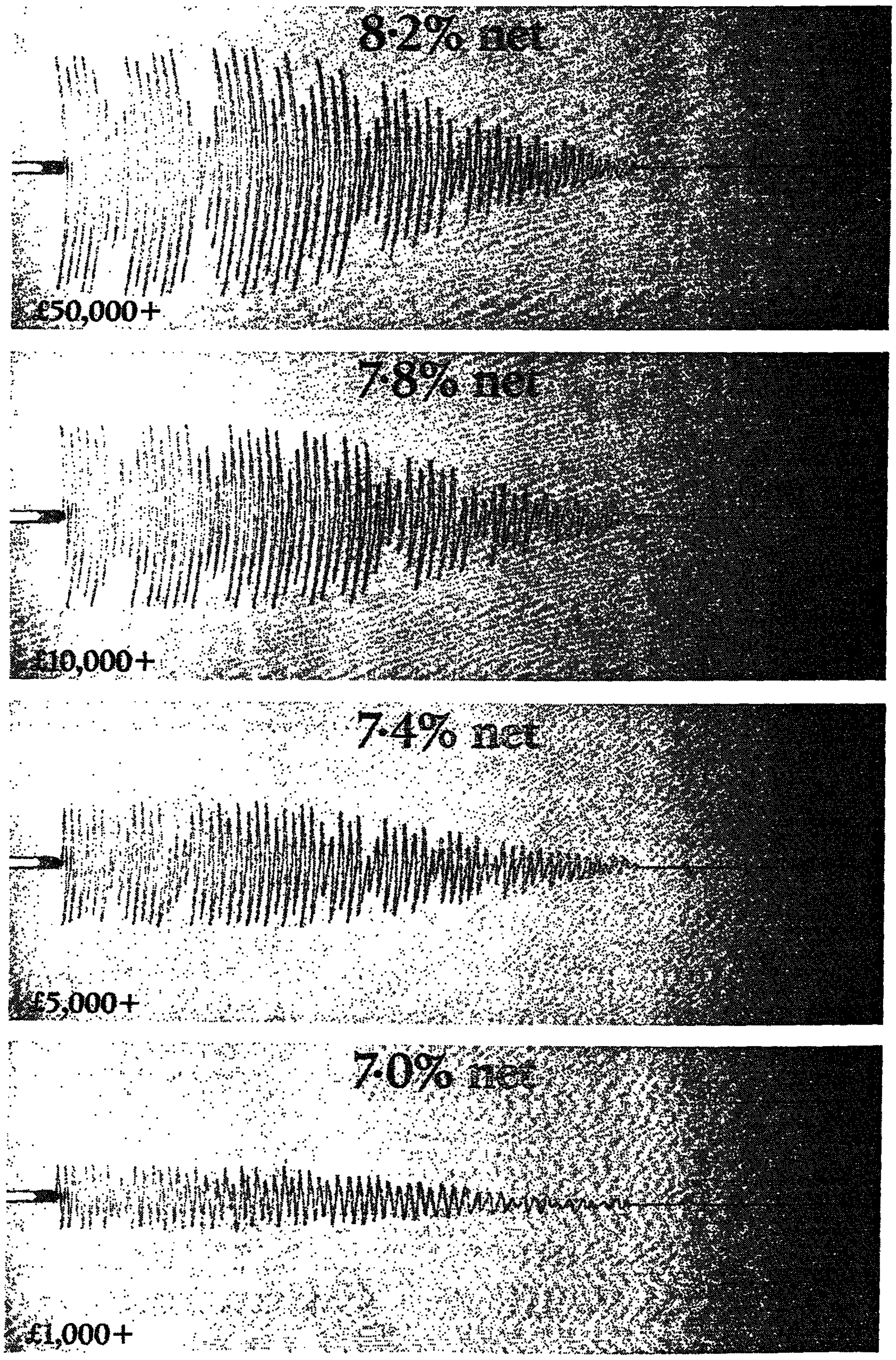

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Worldwide survey backs aspirin's role in saving thousands

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Tens of thousands of deaths from heart attacks can be prevented each year by the use of aspirin and a clot-dissolving drug, an international team of researchers said yesterday.

Aspirin and streptokinase could save 5,000 lives a year in Britain, at low cost and with few side-effects, the study, published in *The Lancet*, says.

In North America, 25,000 lives a year could be saved, and 20,000 in Russia and Eastern Europe.

The four-year study, called ISIS-2, involved 17,187 patients with suspected heart attacks in 417 hospitals throughout Europe, North America and Australasia. It was the world's biggest into the emergency treatment of heart diseases, and, the authors say, its findings represent the biggest advance in the subject for 25 years.

The study "demonstrates conclusively" that the two drugs each reduce the risk of death, and when used in combination, halve the number of people who die in the first month after a heart attack.

Professor Peter Sleight, of the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, chairman of the research team, said yesterday: "These results will change medical practice worldwide. Widespread adoption by doctors of these simple treatments will save tens of thousands of lives each year".

Professor Desmond Julian, medical director of the British Heart Foundation, which helped fund the study, said: "This is the most significant advance since the introduction of cardiac resuscitation 25 years ago. The results are very convincing."

The study statistician, Mr Richard Peto, of Oxford University, said: "The findings have important implications for cardiologists, for general practitioners and above all, for many millions of future heart attack sufferers".

Heart attacks usually occur when blood clots form in coronary arteries, blocking the flow of blood to the heart. Streptokinase, injected intravenously, triggers the body's own clot-dissolving mechanism, restoring blood flow.

Treatment is most effective when given within four hours of the attack. But even 12 to 24 hours later, it can be beneficial.

"This finding is of particular importance since many patients do not seek medical attention for several hours", Professor Sleight said.

Aspirin probably makes certain blood cells less "sticky", thus reducing the risk of blood clots forming, according to the research.

Dr Rory Collins, of the Radcliffe Infirmary, who coordinated the study, said: "Although streptokinase alone and aspirin alone each reduced the risk of death, the combination of the two was most effective at saving lives".

Of every 1,000 people reaching hospital with a heart attack and receiving this combination treatment, about 50 lives would be saved, he said. More would be saved if low-dose aspirin were continued for a few months or years after hospital discharge to protect against a further heart attack.

More than 100,000 heart attack patients are admitted to British hospitals each year.

Professor Julian said that because the benefits of the treatment were greatest at an early stage, it was crucial to reduce delays.

"Patients should seek medical attention as soon as possible. Delays in admission to hospital must be avoided and prompt therapy of this kind should be considered routinely in all hospitals dealing with acute heart attacks."

The researchers said the side-effects of low doses of aspirin were so minimal, and the drug costs so small, that it was likely to be applicable to almost all patients with suspected heart attacks.

Streptokinase was described as "remarkably safe", but could cause allergic reactions or a drop in blood pressure. However, those side-effects could be managed easily if treated promptly.

Vitamin claims challenged

By Our Science Correspondent

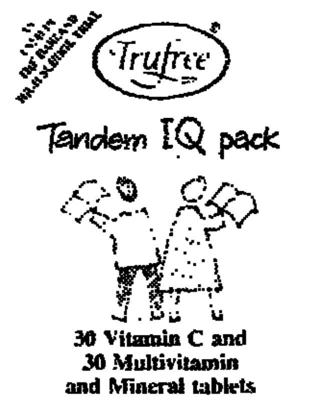
A drug company which claims its vitamin tablets can improve children's intelligence is drawing increasing criticism from medical experts for the ways it is promoting the product.

Last year the company, Larkhall Laboratories, of Putney, south-west London, supplied tablets for a trial among Welsh schoolchildren. The results, published in *The Lancet*, suggested that there was an increase in non-verbal intelligence among pupils who took them.

The trial at Darland High School, Rossett, near Wrexham, Clwyd, was devised by Mr Gwilym Roberts, head of the science department. His aim was to investigate the possibility that deficiency of dietary vitamins and minerals could prevent optimum psychological function.

He has since resigned from his post and is to receive £1,000 a month in sponsorship from the company to give talks to parents and schools based on his book, *Boost Your Child's Brain Power*, which is published next Thursday at £3.99 by Thorsons, of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.

The company is continuing to market an "IQ pack" of vitamins and minerals with a reference to the trial on the packaging. The small print says that the letters IQ stand for "ideal quota" of vitamins and minerals.



The Larkhall vitamin pack, referring to the school trial.

Last week, doctors at the Food and Nutritional Sciences department of King's College, London, published in *The Lancet* their results of a similar trial among schoolchildren.

They concluded: "It is clear from this carefully executed study that no improvement in intellectual performance can be expected".

Professor Donald Naismith and colleagues divided 154 London secondary school pupils into two groups, one of which received vitamin supplements while the other was given a placebo.

All the children were given intelligence tests before and after the four-week experiment. "There were no differences in performance between the two groups", the researchers reported.

Dr Michael Nelson, one of the researchers, said later that he felt Mr Roberts's book and lecture tour were "playing on the vulnerability of a relatively ignorant public" and might mislead many parents.

Earlier this year, other researchers and specialists wrote to *The Lancet* to challenge or criticize the original study.

Yesterday Dr Robert Woodward, medical director of Larkhall Laboratories, said: "We stand firmly by our own results. The latest study is just a joke.

"It isn't real evidence. The researchers didn't use our product so it isn't surprising that they got different results.

"We are planning bigger trials in an effort to replicate our original findings and I am confident that they will vindicate us."

Mr Roberts said: "I've always been interested in the possible links between nutrition and behaviour and I think many of society's problems are related to poor diet.

"I believe that if we can enrich children's diet it may be possible to improve their brain function.

"The trial at my school produced amazing changes. We didn't try to explain the mechanism because we simply don't know how the brain works."

A sparkling day for Britain's best boss

Miss Annie Knackstedt pours her winning boss, Miss Anne Hawkins, a glass of champagne in celebration yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The head of the British Tourist Authority's Far East department won the first national Boss of the Year competition yesterday after her secretary applauded her "approachability" in a glowing 250-word nominating statement.

Sixty-seven men and 23 women were originally nominated, then reduced to a shortlist of three men and three women in London yesterday. After hours of interviews, the of judges decided that Miss Anne Hawkins, aged 38, was the winner.

Miss Eleanor MacDonald, president of Women in Management, who acted as chief judge, said Miss Hawkins had all the attributes needed in a good boss: a person prepared to listen to her staff; a good communicator; impeccable manners; professional in dealing with clients; able to delegate; a keen motivator; able to get the best out of a team; and cheerful.

To enter the competition, bosses had to be nominated by their secretaries. Yesterday, Miss Hawkins's secretary, Miss Annie Knackstedt, said "approachability" was the outstanding quality of her boss.

Both boss and secretary share prizes of more than £600 worth of clothing in the competition organized by a secretarial magazine, plus items ranging from an electronic typewriter and theatre gift tokens (for the secretary) to a set of luggage and a year's supply of flowers (for the boss).

Quality versus quantity survey

Consumers' demands lift UK product standard

By Roland Rudd

The quality of work by employees of British companies is improving and the importance placed on quality over quantity is increasing, according to a report published yesterday by International Survey Resecach.

The new quality principle is not only improving the production of British goods but is also improving the attention to quality of personnel, performance, operating efficiency, management effectiveness and working conditions.

Employee morale has improved, leading to a more committed and motivated workforce, the reascarch company reports.

In 1983, two in three British employees (67 per cent) thought that the quality of work in their department was excellent.

Five years later the proportion increased significantly to three in four (74 per cent) and now almost matches the equivalent figure for German employees (75 per cent).

Similarly, in 1983, 54 per cent of British employees felt that too much emphasis was placed on quantity rather than quality of work produced, but in 1988 the figure dropped to a significantly more positive 45 per cent.

Mr Roger Maitland, the company's managing director, yesterday said the report suggested that in the last five years British companies have woken up to the importance of quality.

"The economic boom in Germany in the last few years has allowed the German consumer the luxury of demanding quality over quantity or low price; companies responded. Now, in the financially more prosperous late-80s, the same thing appears to be happening here in Britain."

The report shows that significant resources are now being devoted to quality training and the establishment of quality improvement teams and many of the report's findings were confimed by leading industrialists.

Mr Arnold Bolton, manager of corporate affairs at Jaguar, said it was the company's concentration on quality which contributed to the high morale of the workforce.

"A strong emphasis on quality increases the morale of employees who take pride in their job and offer constructive comments on how to improve our cars."

When ISR looked separately at the findings this year for those companies which operate an internal quality programme, the figures were even more telling: eight in 10 of these employees (79 per cent) say their work quality is excellent and only 36 per cent feel that quality takes second place to quantity.

Mr Maitland said: "In an increasingly competitive world, it clearly makes sense for British companies to learn whatever they can from their successful European rivals, and many are already seeing the fruits of their quality initiatives, which may give them a competitive edge into the 1990s".

Quality: The Competitive Advantage of the 1990s (International Survey Research Ltd., 11-12 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LB).

Parents 'denied legal aid' in schooling appeals

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Legal aid is being refusedto parents seeking to challenge decisions of local authorities or the state on the educational needs of their children, a barrister said yesterday.

Mr John Friel, who handles a number of such cases for parents of children who are mentally or physically handicapped or both, said there appears to be a trend to deny legal aid.

In a recent case, aid was refused to the parents of a quadraplegic child who had special educational needs, and who were seeking a local authority recommendation for the child to be sent to a special school.

They had no private means and money was eventually raised by a Jewish charity. The case succeeded. "The judge, Mr Justice McCowan, said that the case was fit for legal aid", Mr Friel said. "It was both difficult and sad, but aid was refused."

Mr Friel cited a second case in which a child with special educational needs was refused legal aid to go to the Court of Appeal in an education case by the same legal aid committee. "Again help was obtained from another source and the case proceeded successfully to the Court of Appeal."

His concern coincides with legal proceedings which have just been launched against the Law Society, at present in charge of the the legal aid scheme, over refusing emergency legal aid to a mother whose child was being held by the father. Mrs Melanie Craig, a Leeds solicitor, has won leave to bring judicial review proceedings against the Law Society over the decision.

Yesterday Mr Christopher Snowling, director of the legal aid scheme said: "I am absolutely certain that these types of case are dealt with exactly the same as any other and that the same criteria are used".

Weekend food prices

Bargains tempt shoppers to barbecue

Food prices have a way of creeping up at this time of year when holiday shoppers are more interested in stocking the larder than comparing prices.

Eggs, meat and poultry are all more expensive than a few weeks ago. In the South-east, the most expensive area, sirloin steak and boneless sirloin is up 10p a lb on the average price, now £3.67 and £4.33 a lb respectively. In the rest of the country these cuts are up between 3p and 4p a lb, with rump and fillet steaks up 3p-7p a lb. Topside and silverside should be slightly cheaper this week.

Lamb prices fluctuate more than any other meat, with the average price up 4p a lb. However, there are a couple of excellent offers available. Asda is selling whole and half legs at £1.49 a lb, and Safeway whole legs at £1.69. The focus of special offers is on food for the barbecue, which can be grilled or oven cooked if the weather takes a turn for the worse.

Many lovely bottled sauces are also now available for the barbecue cooks.

Spare ribs at Tesco cost 89p a lb and 99p at Safeway, but Chinese flavoured chops are £1.42. Boneless loin chops at Sainsbury are down from £2.08 a lb to £1.68, while boneless pork steaks at Dewhurst cost £1.79. Boneless shoulder pork, which can be cut into cubes to make home-made kebabs, is down to 92p a lb at Sainsbury.

Other good offers are at Asda where fresh basted chickens are 55p a lb and whole shoulder of New Zealand lamb 55p a lb; at Tesco, where fresh chicken quarters are 85p a lb, and fresh barbecued chicken thighs and drumsticks 99p a lb; at Sainsbury, where fresh minced beef is 98p, and boneless shoulder of pork 92p; at Safeway, where a 3 lb pack of frozen chicken breasts is down 96p to £2.99; at Presto, where boneless pork chops are £1.98 a lb, and pork spare ribs 99p; and at Bejam, which has minced beef at 75p a lb, with a 5 lb bag of chicken portions costing £2.79.

Fresh fish prices have begun to drift downwards as the weather has been kind to fishermen. Whiting and haddock is a little short but there is plenty of coley and cod, with abundant supplies of herrings at 93p a lb. Mackerel, at £1.10, is dear.

Make the most of home-grown soft fruits as their season is nearly over. Raspberries, at between 50p and 70p a quarter pound, strawberries at 40p-75p a half, Leveller gooseberries at 50p-80p a lb, and blueberreis at 75p-£1 a half pound are still available.

New season English Discovery apples are now in the shops at 35p-60p a lb and there good supplies of apples from Australia, South Africa, France and New Zealand, at between 20p and 50p a lb. Bananas are from 30p to 50 a lb.

Seismic station will monitor bomb blasts

UK scientists to test device in Russia

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Two British scientists leave for the Soviet Union today to install a seismic station for monitoring Russian nuclear tests. It will be the only site operated by foreigners.

Dr Jonathan Doody, from Glasgow University, and Mr Paul Coward, from Leicester University, are the first of a rota of scientists who will each man the installation for a month under an agreement between the Soviet Academy of Sciences and the recently formed British Seismic Verification Research Project.

They will be experimenting with a new seismic instrument designed to distinguish underground testing of low-level nuclear devices, equivalent to less than 1,000 tons of TNT.

The scientists will be staying at the Soviet Institute of Geophysics, at Garm, in Tadzhikistan, 1,000 km south of the Soviet nuclear weapons test site at Semipalatinsk. Their equipment will be placed in a vault carved from the rock of a hillside near the institute.

The verification research project was established last year by a group of independent scientists from most of the leading university departments in geology and seismology. They reject the view of the United States and British governments that it is not possible technically to verify low-level tests.

They say that with recent advances in seismology, it is possible to detect explosions lower than one kiloton.

Dr Frank Barnaby, one of the project's founders, said the controversy was a stumbling block to a comprehensive test ban treaty between the superpowers.

Because of verification difficulties, government negotiators believe it would be unwise to agree to ban tests below the equivalent of 10,000 tons of TNT.

The independent researchers have raised £27,000 from private grants — largely from the Rowntree, Higginbottom and Cadbury trusts — to build their instruments and meet the cost of travelling to Russia to test them.

Dr Barnaby said a total of £50,000 would be needed to complete the analysis of data brought back to Britain. Computer tapes of the seismic recordings would be given to the Russian institute.

The scientists are anxious to install their equipment in the next week, before the US and the Soviet Union begin the first of two agreed nuclear tests to calibrate instruments for monitoring large devices of more than 10,000 tons.

Far from rosy in the garden

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

The concept of an Englishman's home being his castle does not extend to his garden or the money he spends on it, according to a new survey.

The reason for this lack of interest, in spite of the boom in property prices, higher disposable incomes and the increase in the DIY trend, is that many people do not like gardening.

In the survey, produced by Mintel, in which 932 adults with a garden were questioned, about a fifth said they hated or disliked working in their garden and another 19 per cent said they regarded the work as a chore. Only 24 per cent said they enjoyed it.

The number of people who dislike the activity increases to 55 per cent among the lower social classes who have smaller gardens, according to Mintel. Only 11 per cent of those who have large gardens said they disliked working in them; they tend to be older and more affluent.

The reason gardening continues to be the poor relation in terms of household expenditure stems from the image of the "negative gardener", and from an obscure lack of interest in protecting investment in a house by caring for the garden.

In addition, people aged under 45, who have seen the biggest rise in disposable income, are those most reluctant to spend money on what they regard as a chore.

More money is spent each year in off-licences, hairdressers and on cigarettes, than on the garden. That is despite annual sales of £1.25 billion in garden centres and DIY shops.

The most common reason for avoiding work in the garden is a shortage of time, with slightly fewer people claiming they just were not interested. Some respondents blamed their apathy on the climate and others said the garden was too big for them.

"The long-term worry for gardening product suppliers is whether the younger haters will gradually warm to the pleasures of gardening and mature into positive gardeners. There is a very real danger that only a small proportion will do so", Mintel says.

The Gardener (Mintel, Kae House, 7 Arundel Street, London, WC2R 3DR; £5.50).

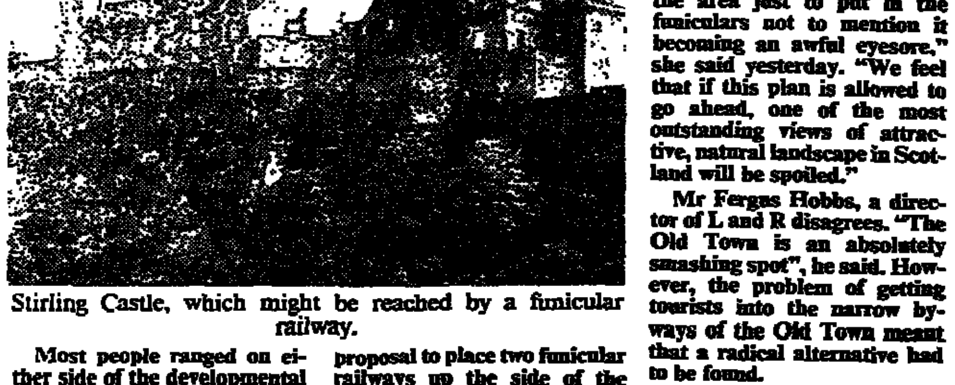
Cable cars could scale the Stirling Castle cliff

By Kerry Gill

Stirling Castle, one of Britain's most outstanding scenic attractions, is under seige again. This time it is not the English hordes, but a firm of developers armed with ambitious plans to regenerate the Old Town's tourism prospects.

Clustered round the twelfth century castle, Stirling's Old Town is perched on several hundred feet of volcanic rock, a warren of quaint old houses, narrow cobbled streets, with attractions ranging from the former military prison to the dilapidated Marykirk.

Now, the L and R Leisure Group, which operates in Edinburgh and London, wants to turn the Old Town into a heritage park, aimed at increasing the number of tourists from 300,000 to a million a year.



Stirling Castle, which might be reached by a funicular railway.

Most people ranged on either side of the developmental battlements agree that the Old Town needs extensive improvement and that Stirling is not making enough of its tourism potential. What has stirred many local people to take up arms, however, is a proposal to place two funicular railways up the side of the cliffs, leading from a small station and car park below.

Mrs Norma Aitchison, a member of the Castle Rock Action Group, Stirling, believes the plan would ruin one of the most spectacular historic views in Scotland. "It would be a major upheaval of the area just to put in the funiculars not to mention it becoming an awful eyesore," she said yesterday. "We feel that if this plan is allowed to go ahead, one of the most outstanding views of attractive, natural landscape in Scotland will be spoiled."

Mr Fergus Hobbs, a director of L and R disagrees. "The Old Town is an absolutely smashing spot", he said. However, the problem of getting tourists into the narrow byways of the Old Town meant that a radical alternative had to be found.

L and R have come up with the idea of two funicular railways, one from the Haining Field below the castle up to the fortress and former Royal residence itself, and the other winding down from the old military prison and back to Haining Field.

"We believe that an old fashioned, Victorian-style funicular railway would be the most appropriate method of taking tourists up to the Old Town, and would be perfectly in keeping", Mr Hobbs said.

The company has said it will invest £3 million in the scheme as long as a similar amount is put up by the Scottish Development Agency and the Scottish Tourist Board. Mr Hobbs said the Historic Buildings and Monuments division of the Scottish Development Department was broadly in favour of the general concept. So is the local authority, Stirling District Council, although it is awaiting a planning application from L and R. The council sees the car park at the bottom of the cliff side as a major obstacle.

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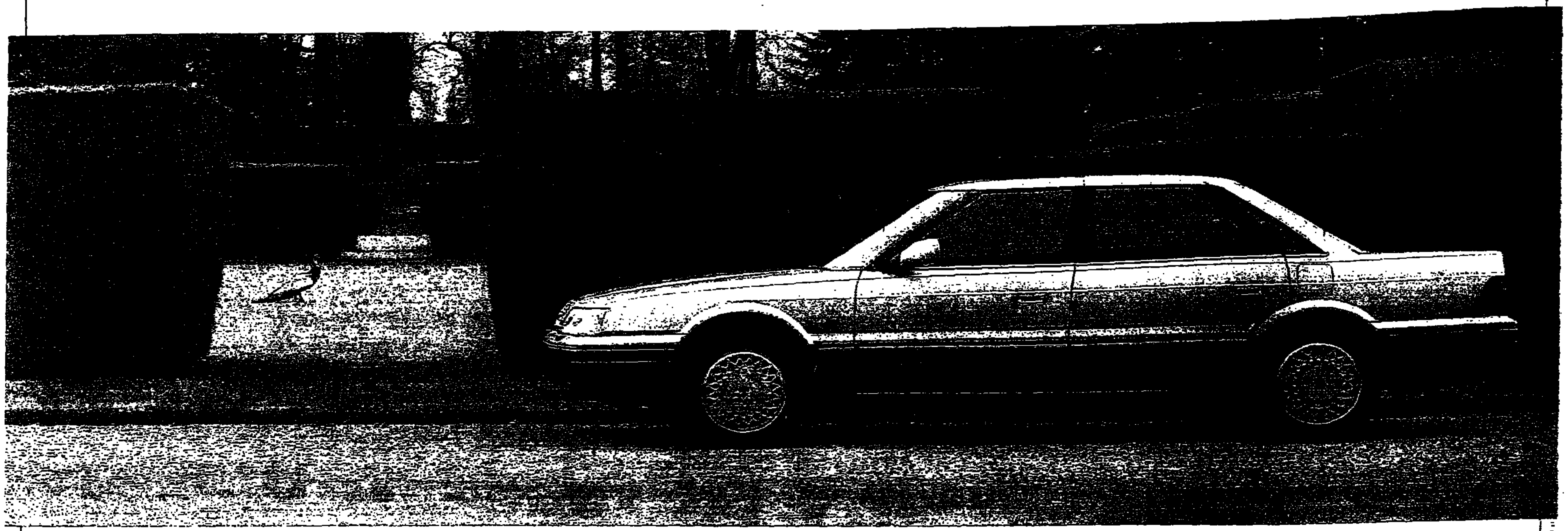

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Bush steps up effort to win over the black vote

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Vice-President George Bush yesterday announced the setting up of an organization called National Black Americans for Bush to try to woo black voters who are expected overwhelmingly to vote Democrat.

The new group includes about 100 prominent black Republicans and those now holding office who will try to amplify their tiny presence within the Republican Party. Blacks hold the crucial balance of power in many states, especially in the South, and the Bush campaign is now making an all-out effort to win over as many black voters, as well as Hispanics, as possible.

Meanwhile, in New Orleans a group of black Republicans strongly criticized the way the party treated them, saying they felt alienated and ignored by the party leadership.

Spokesmen for Freedom Republicans, a 1,500-strong organization of mainly black party members in New York, urged the Republicans to revamp the convention delegate rules in 1992 to give blacks a better statistical chance of getting in the party hierarchy. But the Republican national committee, with only a few dissenters, rejected the proposal by a voice vote.

This prompted bitterness among black speakers. "Blacks, alone among the demographic groups of the country, are written off" by the party, one member told the all-white party leadership on the dais. Blacks alone did not have the advantage of a two-party system, and outdated, narrow procedures were making minorities feel "isolated, unwelcome and unequal".

Two blacks now hold senior positions in the Reagan Administration; Mr Samuel Pierce, the low-key Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and General Colin Powell, the widely respected National Security Adviser. Some black columnists and other political observers have urged Mr Bush to select General Powell as his vice-presidential running mate, though the likelihood of that happening is slender.

Meanwhile, Mr Bush was working on his acceptance speech which he will deliver on Thursday night. Yesterday he and his wife lunched privately with President and Mrs Reagan. They were expected to discuss Mr Reagan's role in helping the party nominee.

The President will address the New Orleans convention on Tuesday, before Mr Bush arrives. They had planned not to overlap to prevent Mr Reagan overshadowing Mr Bush. But they now plan to meet at New Orleans airport for a brief discussion before Mr Reagan flies off for a holiday at his California ranch.

Meanwhile, the Rev Jesse Jackson, clearly straining at the uneasy truce that he has made with Governor Michael Dukakis, has criticized the Democratic nominee for not speaking out more on civil rights. He said Mr Dukakis missed an opportunity last week by not saying more about the issue in a campaign appearance in Mississippi at a town where three civil rights workers were killed in 1964, two Jews and one black.

"It could have sent a profound message to blacks and Jews, and maybe even a wreath should be laid," Mr Jackson said at a press conference in Washington. But he said Mr Dukakis had expressed a clear overall commitment to civil rights, and he did not want to judge him harshly on one incident.

Mr Dukakis yesterday turned to defence and foreign affairs, saying that the US needed a "real leader" to make policy based on "tough management, not wishful thinking and blank cheques".

In a speech notable for his praise of President Reagan's foreign policy and a clear attempt to demonstrate his own toughness in negotiating with Moscow, Mr Dukakis said at New York University that he would not tolerate waste in the Pentagon, and would "clean up the mess" in military procurement.

He added: "The test of a successful defence policy isn't how much money we spend; it's how much security we buy. And for the past eight years, we haven't gotten what we've gone into debt for ... We have to build strong military forces based on sound planning and tough management, not wishful thinking and blank cheques."

The Gulf ceasefire

Yugoslav general named to command monitoring team

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The United Nations observer group which is to monitor the Iran-Iraq ceasefire will be led by Major-General Slavko Jovic of Yugoslavia, according to UN sources.

He was selected by Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the Secretary General, but the nomination is subject to Security Council approval.

He was nominated to command the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, the 350-man force which is to be deployed along the 740-mile border, and is expected to be aided by an Indian and an Irish general.

General Jovic, aged 58, was head of the foreign military liaison department of the Yugoslav Defence Ministry and has served with the UN in the Sinai.

In 1944, at the age of 14, he joined Tito's guerrillas fighting Nazi forces.

"He's smooth-talking, cool-headed, erudite, and very good company, and he speaks extremely good English," a Western defence attaché said. His task will be made easier by the fact that Yugoslavia has maintained normal relations with both Iran and Iraq during the eight-year Gulf War.

His force will be made up of men provided by 24 nations, but Señor Pérez de Cuéllar yesterday called on the five permanent member nations of the Security Council to find much of the $74 million (£43.5 million) the group is expected to cost in its first six months.

"You have a duty to pay for the consequences of your decisions", he said in an interview with French radio. "We need money immediately because it is going to be a very expensive operation."

Although he did not single out the United States, his remarks were seen as a reference to Washington's failure to pay part of its contributions to other UN peace-keeping missions. Whitehall sources were surprised by his remarks and said the Government had expected to pay its normal share, but would consider any request for an additional contribution.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said he would probably ask the General Assembly next week to authorize the release of the necessary funds.

He is expected to attend the opening of face-to-face talks between Iran and Iraq, beginning in Geneva on August 25, but said yesterday he was considering nominating a mediator to represent him, and had a candidate in mind.

In Tehran, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the acting head of the armed forces, renewed demands that Baghdad be named as the aggressor, an issue expected to prove difficult at the direct talks.

He told a conference that if Iran did not get justice on the issue, "this might have grave consequences for the region".

President Khamenei indicated a continuing distrust of Iraq's intentions. "The crafty enemy should not be trusted," Tehran Radio quoted him as saying. "We say the war is apparently drawing to a close, not definitely ... We cannot consider the matter finished."

A UN advance group of five men, headed by a Canadian colonel, yesterday began preparations in Tehran for implementing the ceasefire on August 20.

Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, who is in Tehran, had talks with his Iranian counterpart, Mr Ali Akbar Velayati.

Meanwhile, an official of the National Iranian Oil Company has said that Iran will increase oil production and resume the search for new fields once war damage is repaired.

Back home to tears of joy

A Soviet soldier, back home from the Afghan front, getting an emotional welcome from an old woman. Thousands of Soviet troops, withdrawing from Afghanistan's southern provinces, began crossing the border at Kushka yesterday to music from military bands after a long march north (Reuter reports). About 2,000 men were expected to make the crossing into Soviet Turkmenia by nightfall, General Lev Serebov told foreign reporters. Three hundred soldiers and 34 military vehicles arrived in Kushka yesterday from Shin Dand, in Afghanistan's Farah province. Monday is the deadline for half of Moscow's 100,000 soldiers to have been withdrawn under UN-mediated accords signed at Geneva in April. The other half must go by February 15. Soviet troops will be pulled out of all but four of Afghanistan's 29 provinces in the next few days, according to Soviet officials.

Beirut hitmen set sights on Syrians

From Robert Fisk
west Beirut

Perhaps it is the forthcoming presidential election that has generated the attacks. Perhaps it is Iran's sudden loss of political and military power in Lebanon. But Syrian troops — who came to west Beirut as peace-keepers in February last year — are now coming under attack on the city's streets.

The Beirut newspapers, which maintain their own discreet self-censorship where the Syrians are concerned, rarely report the individual attacks, although some — such as the car bomb which exploded close to a Syrian police office in the Tarek Jdeide district on July 22 — have been too serious to ignore. Others — the rumour that a Syrian soldier was murdered on Wednesday night, for example — have gone unreported.

But no resident of west Beirut could have failed to notice that the Syrian "special forces", soldiers who man the checkpoints around the Muslim sector of the city, have generally discarded their soft red berets in favour of steel helmets.

The attacks have so far been sporadic and largely unsuccessful. Nor has the normally loquacious Lebanese journalists' community ventured any guesses as to who is behind the campaign. Private suspicions have included disaffected members of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) movement and right-wing Christians who disapprove of Syria's involvement in choosing the next president of Lebanon.

On August 4, a bomb exploded in a small shack which the Syrians used as a checkpoint near the "green line" crossing point at the museum. Four soldiers were wounded. The most serious assault came last week when gunmen murdered two Syrian soldiers on Corniche Mazraa, the long boulevard which bisects west Beirut between the museum and the sea. In the July 22 bomb incident, three Syrians were among 50 civilians who were wounded. Seven Lebanese were killed.

There has been no comment from the Syrian army command in west Beirut nor from the various militia groups which might be responsible. But Syrian units are showing increasing signs of nervousness, and the attacks are clearly intended to persuade them that their role in the Lebanese capital should be curtailed, if not ended.

Sudan victims braced for new floods

Khartoum (AFP) — A week after violent rains flooded the Sudanese capital, people watched in anguish yesterday as the waters of the Nile rose to within an inch or two of the alert level at 53 ft.

Despite clear weather, a fresh threat hangs over Khartoum, at the confluence of the Blue and White Niles. Unusually heavy rain over the Ethiopian highlands, where the Blue Nile rises, has swollen the great river to levels seldom seen and catastrophic new flooding is feared.

Half of the sprawling city of three million is still without electricity, communications are cut and there is scarcely any public transport.

Even so, Khartoum looks almost back to normal, and there have been no repeats of the protests after the first flooding demanding the restoration of electricity.

In response to pressing appeals by the Government, which has declared a six-month state of emergency, international relief supplies have started arriving. Twenty planes carrying medicine, food, tents, generators and water pumps from Egypt, Britain, Italy and some Arab states have delivered their cargoes.

Hundreds of acres of market gardens along the banks of the river have disappeared under the floodwaters, destroying a harvest that was supposed to feed the capital.

A shortage of vegetables, not noticeable at the moment, is inevitable in the short term, a medical source said. Already there are long queues of people in the shops buying to hoard.

Thousands of the victims are refugees from Ethiopia's war-torn provinces of Eritrea and Tigré; others are nomads from Sudan's drought-stricken southern and western regions.

● GENEVA: About $785,000 (£440,000) has been pledged to buy flour, cooking oil and fuel for the flood victims on the spot (Reuter reports). The League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said relief planes will deliver 1,000 tents, nearly 50,000 blankets and one million water purification tablets, to be distributed by the Sudanese Red Crescent Society.

About 1.26 million Swiss francs (£461,000) has been given by the Norwegian and Canadian governments and Red Cross societies in Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Libya, Norway, The Netherlands, Sweden and the United States.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Cannibalism row captain replaced

Washington — The captain of a US Navy ship who allegedly refused to rescue Vietnamese boat people who later resorted to cannibalism has been relieved of his command pending an investigation (Michael Binyon writes).

Captain Alex Balian will be replaced temporarily as commander of the USS Dubuque, an amphibious landing ship. The 52 survivors of the 37-day ordeal say that he refused to rescue them even though their 35 ft boat was disabled and some were dying of starvation and exposure. The crew gave them food, water, charts and directions after Captain Balian decided the boat was seaworthy, but they could not read the charts and about 58 died. They claimed to have killed and eaten some of their companions to survive.

Pretoria 'banned' list

Johannesburg — The South African Ministry of Justice has for the first time published a full list of all those "banned" under the Internal Security Act who may not be quoted in newspapers or publications here (Michael Hornsby writes).

There are 417 names on the list, believed to be the highest number ever recorded. Among those added are Mr Chris Hani and Mr Steve Tshwete, respectively chief of staff and political commissar of Umkhonto We Sizwe, armed wing of the ANC. Among the anomalies is the exclusion of Nelson Mandela, the jailed former commander of Umkhonto.

Tears for a president

Dhaka — Bangladesh's leading opposition figure, Sheikh Hasina Wazed, made an emotional appeal to her fellow countrymen yesterday to put pressure on the Government of President Ershad to obtain the trial of the killers of her father, who was murdered 13 years ago (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Beginning an opposition week of mourning, Sheikh Hasina, daughter of the country's founder President, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, wept as she recalled the 1975 attack by rebel army officers on the family home in central Dhaka in which her parents, three brothers and 12 others died.

Guerrilla arms cache

Stockholm (Reuter) — Swedish police yesterday raided a flat believed to belong to Khadar Samir Mohamad, the Palestinian guerrilla accused of having masterminded the attack on the Greek tourist ship, City of Poros, and found a cache of Soviet-made weapons near by.

Nine tourists were killed and about 80 injured on July 11 when gunmen opened fire on the ship, carrying 471 passengers, as it returned to a marina near Athens after a day cruise to Greek islands. Greek police say that Khadar, aged 36, is a member of the radical Abu Nidal group.

Unita role rejected

Lisbon (AP) — Three days after the announcement by South Africa, Angola and Cuba of an immediate ceasefire in the 13-year Angolan war, Angola yesterday rejected direct talks demanded by Unita rebels who want a share of power.

In a statement distributed in Lisbon by the official Angop news agency, Angola described the Unita rebels as puppets controlled by South Africa. It said that Unita's exclusion from regional peace talks was "logical, normal and necessary for the establishment of peace".

UN chief focuses on Sahara conflict

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

The United Nations Secretary-General has turned his attention to yet another area of long-standing conflict, in North Africa.

In the wake of his success in the Iran-Iraq negotiations, Señor Pérez de Cuéllar is determined to make an effort to end the fighting between Moroccan forces and Polisario fighters in the disputed Western Sahara and settle the future of the territory. He put forward his proposed peace plan during two separate meetings in New York yesterday with Moroccan and Polisario Front delegations.

The plan calls for a ceasefire in the region, to be followed by a UN-conducted referendum in which the local Saharwi population (whom the Polisario represent) will be asked to determine their own future.

When Spain withdrew from the then Spanish Sahara in 1975, it handed over its administration to Morocco without consulting the native Saharwis. Moroccan claims that the territory was once part of a greater Morocco before the era of colonization is disputed by the Polisario to the extent that they switched from fighting for independence against occupying Spanish forces to fighting — for the past 13 years — the ever-increasing numbers of Moroccan troops sent to defend the area against them.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar would like a speedy response to his plan from both sides, despite the difficulties of conducting such a referendum. The fact that he held separate meetings, first with the Moroccan delegation and then with members of the Polisario Front, makes clear Morocco's continued refusal to meet the Polisario directly.

The nomadic Saharwi population has become dispersed since 1975.

Many fled the Western Sahara then as Moroccan troops marched in. An estimated 150,000 are living in Algerian refugee camps.

Profiteering in animals

Worldwide trade nets millions

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Illegal trading in ivory, the skins of endangered species and small live wild animals and birds is a $1.5 billion (£887 million) business annually, according to the Lausanne secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

Ninety-five states have ratified the 1973 convention, which went into force two years later and is administered by the United Nations Environment Programme.

Mr Jean-Patrick le Duc, A UN scientist and the convention's enforcement officer, says that live animals, such as cockatoos and crocodiles, chimpanzees and reptiles, comprise half the total of this illegal international trade.

He said when recently a traveller arrived at Paris's Charles de Gaulle airport from Mali, French Customs officials found in his baggage 50 pythons, 20 tortoises, 20 lizards and several Gabon vipers. The 100 or so reptiles were intended for the European market, mainly France, Switzerland and The Netherlands.

In another incident, Spanish Customs officers found 2,000 baby crocodiles, shipped illegally from Colombia to Taiwan, via Panama and Madrid, in crates. On opening the crates they found 1,500 had died.

A clandestine shipment of 2,000 endangered parrots from Gabon was caught in June as it was entering Ghana, Mr le Duc said. Bought for about $10 (£6) each, they were destined for sale in the US market at about $600 a piece — for a profit of more than $1 million.

While most such shipments go by air, one exception was the Asian she-elephant from Vietnam that arrived by ship last month in Rotterdam intended for Czechoslovakia. She was in a pitiful state, her only food on the six-week voyage from Singapore having been sugar cane. She is now recovering in Rotterdam Zoo.

Mr le Duc says traders taking small animals by air concentrate on the holiday months when it is easier to get luggage past overworked customs officers. A number of airlines, he points out, are lax in complying with the 1973 convention.

Interpol is working closely with the Lausanne secretariat in hunting down international networks specializing in this illicit trade.

"Total trade in wildlife is valued at about $5 billion. We estimate between 20 and 30 per cent is illegal, or roughly $1 billion," Mr le Duc said. All legal wild life exports are within the quotas fixed by the convention so as not to threaten the survival of a species. He had high praise for the way in which some African countries are now striving to enforce the convention provisions with the aim of preserving their natural resources.

Hong Kong, one of the world's main ivory trading centres, is now enforcing strict import controls on all carved ivory. For years, lack of controls there had enabled traders to import hundreds of tons of poached ivory and then unload it on the international markets.

● **BONN**: West German police yesterday were guarding about 50 cattle sheds in Westphalia where 14,000 calves, believed to have been injected with an illegal hormone mixture, including two testerone "natural growth" preparations potentially harmful to humans, have been confiscated (John England writes).

Injection marks have been found on the throats of at least 4,200 calves which are to be slaughtered. A cattle-breeder, Herr Felix Hying, aged 50, of Südlohn, near Münster, has been arrested.

Critics' guffaws greet controversial Jesus film

From Charles Bremner
New York

After weeks of holy furore, Martin Scorsese's *Last Temptation of Christ* opens amid protests and picketing in New York and seven other American cities tonight, but if the Devil is around, he will not be keen to take the credit.

Even by the standards of Hollywood, rarely can so much fuss have been made about a film that is both so poor and excruciatingly earnest. For whole stretches of the two-hour and 40-minute *Temptation*, it is hard to remember you are not watching Monty Python or a Mel Brooks send-up of the Biblical epic.

"I wanna rebel against Gad, but I'm afraid," says Willem Dafoe's very American Jesus, a character who looks as if he came straight from the Woodstock pop festival to the arid Moroccan landscapes where the low-budget film was made. "Be careful, Gad isn't alone up there," warns a John the Baptist, who embodies every quirk of the crazed Python hermit.

Adapting the 1955 novel by Nikos Kazantsakis, Mr Scorsese presents a weak, doubting and, at times, lust-ridden Jesus as something of a diffident hippie. In his Sermon on the Mount, he begins: "Er, um, I'm sorry but the easiest way to make myself clear is to tell you a story."

Funniest among a band of disciples with Brooklyn accents is Harvey Keitel's unintentionally hilarious Judas, a Lower East Side Jew, who seems to have escaped from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

For some reason, Mr Scorsese, a former altar-boy who has been trying to make the film since 1972, has given English accents to the Devil and the Romans.

In various incarnations, Satan comes over in the tones of an old BBC announcer or a London schoolgirl. David Bowie, the pop singer, plays Pontius Pilate as a laconic Cockney. Confronting the condemned Jesus, he concludes: "This means you're just another Jewish politician."

The main reviews were only due out today, but judging by guffaws at one advance showing, some audiences will find it hard to keep a straight face. Among early comment, one Hollywood reporter said Mr Scorsese's Jesus seemed to have been trapped for 40 years in a Grateful Dead convoy, and the critic for *Sneak Previews* said: "It's the height of irony that this level of controversy could be generated by a movie this awful."

"Two hours and forty minutes of boredom," said an ABC TV critic.

But some reviewers have given Mr Scorsese, who is much admired for *Taxi Driver* and other films, credit for tackling his tough subject. "Those willing to accompany Scorsese on his dangerous ride through the Gospels may believe he has created a masterpiece," *Time* magazine said.

Mr Scorsese has spent much of the week defending himself against the onslaught of indignation from Christians who are particularly incensed by the scenes in which the fictional Jesus imagines making love to Mary Magdelene and bringing up a family. "This is not exploitation. This is not the sex life of Jesus," he argues. "It's a temptation to live your life as an ordinary man, to come down from the cross and marry, to make love so that you have children and live out a normal life and to die a sweet death in bed."

While the director and quite a few clergymen are arguing that the film makes a strong case for the Christian faith, the Catholic bishops this week branded it as "morally offensive" and called on the country's 53 million church members to stay away from it. "Most Christians will be outraged," said Bishop Anthony Bosco, chief of the church committee that assesses films.

In the Bible Belt states, hundreds of congregations are campaigning to have the film withdrawn and Mr Jerry Falwell, the television preacher, has called for a boycott of Universal Studios. He predicts that the film will create "a wave of anti-Semitism".

Fundamentalist Baptists last week staged a mock crucifixion at Universal Studios in Hollywood, with the nailing being done by a man supposed to be Mr Lew Wasserman, the head of MCA, Universal's parent company. Extremists say the film is the product of Hollywood's Jewish Mafia.

This week, the protest was joined by Franco Zeffirelli, the Italian director, who called the film "truly horrible and completely deranged" and objected to it being shown at the Venice Film Festival.

Experts are betting that the row will generate box-office dollars for a film that would otherwise have been relegated to the art circuit. But some think the company could suffer if the protests gather momentum. "If the theatres are burned down, it isn't possible to sell tickets," said an editor at *Hollywood Reporter*.

Peking pledges to keep up its aid for the Khmer Rouge

By David Watts

Just as the years of suffering appeared about to end, Chinese support of the Khmer Rouge is coming back to haunt Cambodia.

Hopes of a peace settlement, raised by the recent meeting of opposing forces in Jakarta, were dampened by a Chinese announcement yesterday that Peking remains "firm in its principled position" of giving military support to the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia so long as the Vietnamese forces remain.

The Chinese spokesman said the view that China should stop supplying arms to the Khmer Rouge diverted attention from the need to press Vietnam to pull out.

In reality, the Khmer Rouge have more weapons than they know what to do with and are infiltrating the people, spreading propaganda especially in the remote areas, in a re-run of history which is likely to continue for as long as China sees the need to prevent Hanoi establishing permanent hegemony in Indochina.

Just last week in a Khmer refugee camp on the Thai border, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said the Khmer Rouge must never again be allowed to rule in Cambodia, but the political realities seem to be working against that.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the former ruler seen by the West as the best hope for unifying the country, has said the main barrier to peace remains the Khmer Rouge. Yet the Chinese spokesman repeated that Peking wanted to see a peaceful, non-aligned Cambodia under Prince Sihanouk with no party holding a monopoly of power.

The military emasculation of the 35,000 to 40,000 Khmer Rouge fighters is essential to the establishment of any real peace in Cambodia and the timing of the Chinese statement appears calculated to block further progress before a forthcoming meeting of the various Cambodian players at a meeting of non-aligned states in Harare, Zimbabwe.

It is also a reminder that there can be no settlement without wholehearted Chinese participation, no matter what the West and Prince Sihanouk may hope, and an indication that China will not play the Khmer Rouge card until it is certain that the Soviet Union is willing and capable of bringing the Vietnamese to heel. That will be discussed when the Soviet Union and China meet on August 20.

Despite the commitment to remove troops under an accelerated schedule, Vietnam shows all the signs of doing it unwillingly. During his recent visit to Bangkok the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Co Thach, left the Thais as wary as ever of Vietnamese intentions.

But the Thais have been surprisingly open recently about their support of the Khmer Rouge as the only truly viable force opposing the Vietnamese and cynical about the real value of the Prince as the once and future ruler of Cambodia.

The Thai army leadership makes no secret of assistance flowing over the border and Chinese help in defusing Thailand's insurgency problem makes Bangkok beholden to the Chinese leadership over and above both sides' desire for good relations. Both the Thai and Chinese attitudes give the hardliners in the Hanoi leadership every justification for moving slowly.

Thai leader seeks guidance

Mr Chatichai Choonhavan, the first elected Prime Minister of Thailand for 12 years, praying yesterday outside Government House, Bangkok, before taking over from General Prem Tinsulanonda. A right-wing coup during 1976 put an end to three years of democracy.

Italy's kidnappers plague summer nests of ultra-rich

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Summer is the season of easy ransoms, shootings and snatches in craggy Sardinia and the mountain warrens of Calabria. The number of kidnap attempts has soared in the past few weeks. In Rome, the talk is of sending the Army down to Calabria, the heel of the boot of the Italian peninsula, to shake up the bandits and study the terrain.

The trouble this summer began in the Costa Smeralda, the exclusive piece of Sardinian coastline developed by the Aga Khan. It is now a millionaires' playground, and dozens of leading businessmen have villas there.

In Porto Cervo, yachts as white and bulky as Moby Dick bob quietly, while girls in bikinis scrub the decks, waiting for proprietors to arrive by helicopter from Milan and Frankfurt.

There are ample pickings for the local people whose mountain men have become skilled kidnappers. The first to go this summer was Signor Giulio de Angelis, the multimillionaire. The gang evaded the Costa's private security forces, rushed Signor de Angelis's own bodyguards, burst into the dining room and stripped the guests of all jewellery. They ransacked the house, tied up the guests, cut the phone lines and disappeared with Signor de Angelis. Negotiations, one can assume, are under way.

Countess Marta Marzotta, long-time mistress of the late painter Renato Guttuso, recently escaped a similar fate. Six men wearing jeans and ski masks entered her Sardinian villa through the garden gate. As the Countess was briefly away, the bandits found only her mother, a nanny and the maid. The women were locked in a room but the gang fled when they heard a police siren.

Last weekend, the police intercepted and arrested two Frenchmen with false passports who were making their way to the nearby villa of Mr Johnny Abdo, the Lebanese Ambassador to Switzerland. He was a former head of Lebanese army security services and the local police claim that they foiled an assassination attempt.

But on the whole, the police are trying to play down the incidents. Some millionaires have already broken off their holidays, and it would be bad for business to spread word of a kidnapping epidemic.

The Sardinian kidnappers are often the sons of shepherds and scrub farmers who moved across the water to Tuscany in search of work. People from Sardinia run part of the Florence drugs trade and have a nose for a ransom. Captives are held in the inaccessible caves of the Sardinian hinterland or, more frequently nowadays, in remote Tuscan farm houses.

There is similar terrain in Calabria, where some mountains are said to exist "outside the law", with *carabinieri* ever managing to penetrate the caves and passes.

Calabrian kidnappers recently released Marco Fiora, aged seven, who was held in the caves for one and a half years. After being in manacles for so long he was unable to move his leg, had sores all over his arms and barely recognized his mother.

Again, the circumstances of his release are obscure. This is because Italian police powers include the right to tap the phone of the parents and to freeze their accounts to prevent the payment of ransom. That has helped to bring down the number of kidnappings from the peak of the 1970s. But it also means that many families bypass the police entirely and lie to them about ransom demands.

Not everybody, however, takes a bleak view of the future of kidnapping. A Calabrian magistrate, Dr Riccardo Lombardo, detects a significant decline since the 1970s when 75 per cent of all European abductions were committed in Italy. Ransoms, at least reported ransoms, are smaller; the magistrate says that only two kidnaps were paid off last year, one for £1.5 million, the second for £2.5 million.

This is partly because it is more difficult to launder kidnap money — the traditional Mafia has, by and large, abandoned kidnapping and does not handle ransom cash. But the magistrate concedes that kidnapping now lasts longer — in the old days victims were usually snatched for no more than five days — and the abductions are almost always carried out in the summer when security is lax and it is warmer in the caves.

Letter from New York

Touching yarns in begging boom

The Subway doors open at the 33rd Street station. Along with a burst of 110° heat and an army of rush-hour passengers, a thin black youth fights his way on board and starts his pitch. "Ladies and gentlemen, you are going home to your families. I am not so fortunate. I am going to ask for a donation."

Bad luck for the beggar, but he has failed to notice a colleague using a megaphone to tell his captive audience at the other end of the carriage: "I have Aids and nothing to eat."

The summer of 1988 will be remembered in New York not just for the record-breaking pall of grey heat that has hung over the city for weeks, prompting one newspaper to warn: "Breathe as little as possible."

For Manhattanites, even the sewage and human body parts washing up on the outer beaches takes second place to the new biggest nuisance — an invasion of beggars who ply the avenues and streets stirring guilt and anger in the working population.

"Panhandlers" are, of course, a New York fixture. Commentators from staid places such as Miami and Los Angeles usually sprinkle a few references to Calcutta when they catalogue the tribulations of life in the Big Apple. The city has long had one of the biggest homeless populations in the Western world. But something has happened in the past few months to shorten the fuses of the already short-tempered citizenry.

Not only have the numbers exploded, but New York begging has taken an aggressive turn. Try to approach a New Yorker for directions now and the chances are he will assume you want money, avoid eye contact and stride away expecting a deluge of abuse that the new-style beggars like to pour on the uncharitable.

According to the experts, the begging boom reflects not so much a growth in the poor, homeless and mentally ill, but the disappearance of the stigma attached to the practice, and the discovery that with a good story, a bit of aggression and perhaps a ragged child in tow, you can make up to $70 (£41) a day.

Approaches vary. Some perform "services" such as opening the door to bank cash machines or wiping windscreens with greasy rags. Some harangue the crowd waiting for lights to change. Others simply adapt the old "Buddy, can you spare a dime?" to something more modern like: "Gimme your watch."

New Yorkers, of course, know the difference between a mugging and a request for charity, but not the tourists who are said to be the biggest givers.

With the new-style beggars fighting for choice spots on tourist strips like Fifth Avenue, Mayor Edward Koch has decided to slow the action. "It's become a life-style thing for some people. I don't want New York City to become a city where people think it's OK to assume the role of beggars as if it were a profession," he said this week.

Undaunted by the failure of his attempt last year to order the removal of the visibly deranged, or "crazies" from the streets, Mr Koch has ordered an advertising campaign telling New Yorkers to give money to charity instead of beggars. He is incensed by the ones who use children as they do in the Third World. "It's sort of what they used to do in Dickensian times when they used to cripple the kids," he said.

The Mayor's approach is being supported by many welfare workers. Mr Douglas Platt, the director of a big city shelter, said the young, "professional" street hustlers are crowding out the truly needy. "Since panhandling rewards the most persuasive sales people, the people who most need donations might be the least likely to get them." And most of the hand-outs are going to support drug and alcohol addictions, he says.

Last week, the Mayor, who knows his middle-class electorate, won a cheer when he advised: "If you feel guilty, see a priest." Guilt is, of course, something New Yorkers normally discuss with their therapists. Those not on holiday are busy advising patients how to "deal" with the emotion.

"It provides a new target for my homicidal fantasies," one psycho-analyst said in *The New York Times*, describing his response to a beggar who demanded: "Give me half your doughnut." He added that "the beggars are expressing hostility not just asking for money. They want to force you to feel guilty."

Charles Bremner

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Ecuador's new President Borja follows Cuban line on withholding foreign debt repayments

Castro returns with a flourish to South American limelight

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Like an old trouper making the most of a chance to tread the boards again after an *enforced* absence due to *lack* of bookings, Dr Fidel Castro has dominated the show.

His stage entry may show him slightly stooped, and the uniformed figure much more corpulent, but he is still undoubtedly a *big star*.

The President of Cuba, aged 62, has been seeking an engagement in South America for 17 years and this week the comeback has been finally realized, to rapturous applause and notices in Ecuador. He last played the continent back in 1971 during an extensive visit to Chile. His friend, Salvador Allende was in power and it was the best of times to be Latin American and socialist. It all came to *grief, of course,* two years later.

Dr Castro, who recently ruled that *glasnost* and *perestroika* were "inappropriate" for his own communist Caribbean island, has been visiting Quito to see democracy in action during a transition of government in South America's *second smallest republic.*

The outgoing President, Señor León Febres Cordero, a right-winger who popular in Washington, left office after *four stormy* years to deafening boos, which did nothing to ease his notoriously short temper. He refused even to attend the inauguration in Congress of *his* successor, Señor Rodrigo Borja, a Social Democrat.

Immediately after being sworn in, President Borja restored *diplomatic* relations with the Sandinista Government *in Nicaragua, which* were severed three years ago by his predecessor. That allowed President Ortega, whose attendance at the inauguration *had been barred in* a petulant last act by the defiant Señor Febres Cordero, to arrive in Quito yesterday to meet Ecuador's new leader.

President Borja: Relations with Managua restored

President Borja *also* took a leaf out of Dr Castro's book by announcing that Ecuador would not make payments on its $10 billion (£5.9 billion) foreign debt, one of the highest per capita in Latin America, "under present conditions".

But, although Ecuadoreans loudly cheered President Borja's *ascent to power, neither he* nor other Latin American presidents attending the inauguration celebrations could match the enthusiasm that has *greeted* Dr Castro's *every* move since he arrived in Quito on Tuesday.

Ecuador was well chosen for his return to South America. It has a built-in left-wing majority spread diversely from Señor Borja's centre-left *Izquierda Democrática to a* proliferation of workers' and Marxist parties.

The US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, arriving at the Ecuadorean National Congress under armed escort *on Wednesday for the inauguration of* President Borja (Reuter reports from Quito). Mr Shultz objected strongly to a mural under which distinguished visitors sat for the ceremony. It depicted the CIA as a skeleton wearing a Nazi helmet. He said the mural was "a message of insult to the United States". He added that perhaps the mural, by the Ecuadorean artist Oswaldo Guayasamín, had been designed to deter him from coming to the inauguration, but it had failed to do so.

There is still bitterness over a dubious joke cracked by President Reagan when he *started his first term in 1980.* In emphasizing that Vice-President George Bush would be a full partner in power, Mr Reagan said: "George won't be going to funerals in Ecuador."

Indeed, the next year Mr Bush did not attend the funeral of President Roldos, a pragmatic left-wing politician who was killed in a domestic air crash.

Bitterness towards the United States has increased *steadily during the* Government of Señor Febres Cordero, who pursued supply-side economic policies with disastrous results, and often seemed unseemly in seeking to curry favour with the Reagan Administration.

The Cuban leader maintains a keen interest in Colombia through his close friend, the novelist Gabriel García Márquez. Yet, despite his undimmed charisma, Dr Castro has often looked the odd man out in Quito. Nowadays, violent revolution has lost its attraction for much of the Latin American left, and hopes are *now* pinned on social democracy as the means of achieving social justice.

President Borja has named the following Cabinet: **Interior** Andrés Vallejo; **Foreign relations** Diego Cordovéz; **Education** Alfredo Vera; **Social welfare** Raul Baca; **Health** Plutarco Naranjo; **Agriculture and livestock** Enrique Delgado; **Public works** Juan Neira; **Finance** Jorge Gallardo; **Industry and commerce** Juan José Pons; **Energy and mines** Diego Tamariz; **Employment** César Verduga; **Defence** General Jorge Félix.

Panama's top brass face purge as Noriega tightens his grip

From David Gollob
Panama City

Panama's military ruler, General Manuel Noriega, is *expected to announce a series of* dismissals and promotions of top ranking officers in the Panamanian Defence Forces today, in what Western diplomats here see as a shake-up designed to further consolidate his power.

The announcement is to mark the fifth anniversary of the general's appointment as chief of the armed forces, which will be celebrated by the military and Noriega supporters in a "Panamanian Dignity Rally".

The rallies are intended to emphasize the repeated failure *of the US Administration to* remove him from power. Diplomats say they do not attach credence to rumours that General *Noriega will also* announce plans to present himself as a candidate in the presidential elections due to be held next year. He has, *however, previously hinted at* this possibility.

However, Señor Ricardo Arias Calderón, leader of the opposition Christian Democratic Party, said Panama's National Assembly, which is dominated by the pro-Noriega Revolutionary Democratic Party, is likely to approve reforms to the country's electoral laws this week that will enable the general to stay in his post until a month before the elections without prejudicing *his eligibility* as a presidential candidate. Under present electoral laws, Panamanian officials must resign six *months before presenting* themselves as candidates in elections.

"It's a very real possibility (that he will run)", Señor Arias Calderón said in an interview. "There's no other *logical explanation for these* reforms."

Señor Arias Calderón said opposition parties had not yet decided whether they would contest elections in which General Noriega participated.

"The opposition media have been shut down, all *opposition demonstrations* have been banned. We cannot even begin to talk about the electoral process until these measures are lifted," he said.

The pro-Noriega rally coincides with the visit to Panama this week of a high-ranking US State Department official, Mr Morton Abramowitz.

Officials in Washington denied that Mr Abramowitz, who is Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, had *any plans to meet General* Noriega or resume negotiations with him.

Earlier this year, the Reagan Administration offered to lift *economic sanctions against* Panama in exchange for the general's departure, but negotiations broke down in May.

Señor Arias Calderón said *he was bitterly disappointed* by inconsistencies in US policy towards Panama's *de facto* ruler. The Reagan Administration *still recognizes* the deposed President, Señor Eric Arturo Delvalle, as Panama's legitimate head of state.

"First they installed Noriega, then they changed to a policy of confrontation, then they tried negotiations. It's this vacillation that has proved most disappointing."

General Noriega is believed to have been an agent for the Central Intelligence Agency in Panama since his days as a lieutenant. But he fell out with Washington *in 1985* for reasons that have still not been clarified. This year, he was indicted by two federal grand juries in the US on charges of *involvement in drug trafficking* and money laundering.

Senate backs Contra aid package

Washington — The US Senate has narrowly approved a Democratic plan providing $27 million (£16 million) in farther humanitarian aid for the Nicaraguan Contras, but has delayed a decision on military assistance, a highly controversial presidential election issue (Mohsin Ali writes). The proposal was approved 49-47 on Wednesday night, with no Republican support and four votes against from liberal Democrats who oppose aid to the beleaguered rebels.

Republicans refused to support the plan after Senator Robert Dole, the minority leader, said that the White House — which wants military aid — had declined to send a letter endorsing it, prompting angry criticism of the Administration from Democratic leaders. The proposal was broad enough to cover the deep split on Contra aid among the Democrats.

The Senate had earlier voted 57-39 to kill a proposal from Senator Dole that would have released about $16 million in military aid allocated but frozen earlier this year to avoid jeopardizing regional peace efforts.

$4 billion relief for American farmers

Washington — President Reagan has signed a $3.9 billion (£2.3 billion) relief package to help farmers suffering crop losses of more than 35 per cent of their expected harvest because of drought and other natural calamities (Michael Binyon writes).

Farmers with crop losses of more than 75 per cent would receive payments equal to 90 per cent of their income. Small farmers can receive up to $100,000 each. However, rich farmers with large holdings will be excluded from benefits.

Fossil find

Peking (Reuter) — The fossil skulls of baby dinosaurs, believed to have been smothered in a Gobi Desert sandstorm 75 million years ago, have been unearthed by a joint Sino-Canadian expedition.

Nile tragedy

Edfu, Egypt (Reuter) — Divers pulled 10 bodies — five Italians *and five Egyptians* — from the Nile and searched for 19 people still missing from a tourist boat which capsized, police said.

Village whirl

Moscow (Reuter) — A 500 ft-high tornado, about 250 ft across, swept through the *Siberian village of Sarbaktu,* razing houses and stores and injuring eight people, according to Tass.

Migrant flyers

Bombay (Reuter) — More than a quarter — 350 — of the pilots working for Air India and Indian Airlines, have applied for better-paid jobs with three foreign airlines, the Indian Pilots' Guild said.

Vice inquiry

Johannesburg (AP) — South African Police have investigated 67 white men, including a clergyman and prominent businessmen, thought to be *involved in child sex rings* here and in Cape Town.

On the way up

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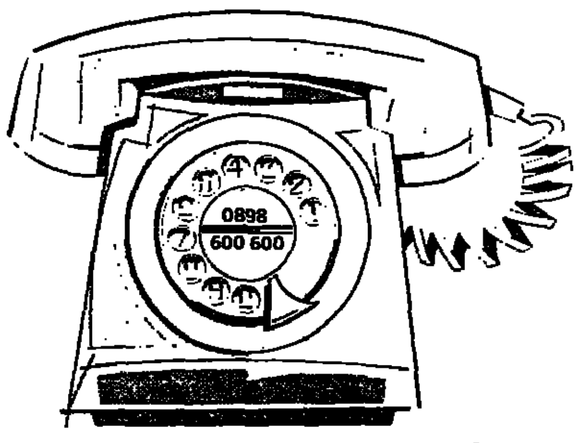

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The prison under a sentence

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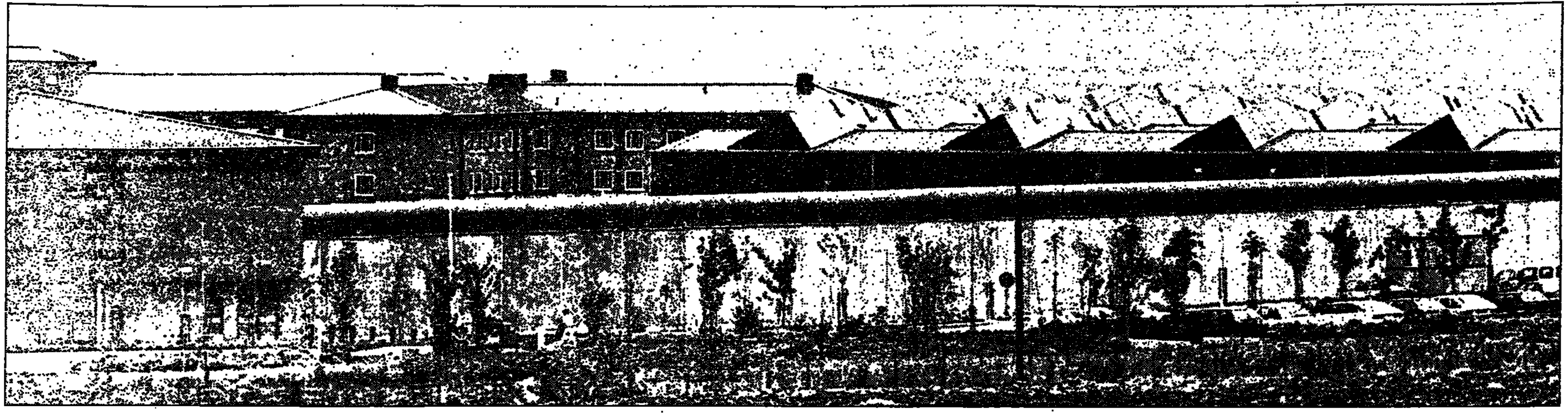


A new prison, the same problems: Swaleside, on the Isle of Sheppey, which accepts its first inmates on Monday amid warnings from the Prison Officers' Association that staff are too inexperienced to control the "lifers" who will be in their care

One of Britain's new-look gaols will open on Monday. But, Pearson Phillips reports, it is going to face problems from the start

Next Monday a heavily escorted prison van will cross the Kingsferry Bridge to the Isle of Sheppey, on the bleak north Kent coast. On board will be a batch of 12 high-risk category-B prisoners. Among them there could well be some "lifers".

Their destination will be the hi-tech security gates of the latest product of the Government's prison building programme, Swaleside Prison, named after the River Swale, which separates Sheppey from the mainland. It is, in the words of the Home Office, a "state of the art prison". The men bound there will be the first of a population which will gradually rise to a full complement of 504.

Swaleside, with its positive training programme and removal of hated features of the past, such as "slopping out", is said to symbolize a new era in the relationship between the Government and its strife-torn prison service. Unfortunately, there are already signs that it has similar troubles in store to those affecting other prisons throughout the country, where officers are refusing to admit new inmates in disputes over manning levels.

For years the state of prisons has been a subject pushed into the background of the national consciousness . . . there have never been many votes in it. As a result, the situation has degenerated into that detailed below, in which a combination of overcrowded prisons and an allegedly under-staffed service has led to riots, militant action by some warders, and dangerous flash-points throughout the country.

The Home Office claims to be tackling the problem in two main ways. It is building more prisons to relieve over-crowding and it has launched a new deal in the pay and conditions of the prison service, called Fresh Start. There should be five new prisons "on stream" in the next year and approximately 1,400 more prison officers.

Swaleside was due to have opened on June 13. The Home Office says the delay was caused by technical problems which one of the contractors experienced with the alarm system.

However, sources in the Prison Officers' Association claim that there is a different explanation. They say the delay was the result of the Home Office's money-saving decision to require officers to find their own accommodation rather than provide the staff with special quarters.

Adrian Harper, the secretary of the Swaleside's Prison Officers' Association, says: "The Home Office refused to spend the extra money to build accommodation next to the prison. This means that many of our people being trained in the north cannot move down here. A family from Durham, for instance, has no alternative but to drop out. They simply can't afford to move to north Kent. And the waiting lists are far too long for them to get a council house."

So far, only 84 of the projected complement of 212 officers have been recruited. According to the POA most of them are new recruits coming straight from training. More experienced officers are reluctant to make the move to a job which will involve a drop in housing and living standards. Harper, who has been in the service for nine years and who moved to Sheppey from Manchester, warns that this will inevitably lead to trouble.

He says: "The cells will not all be filled at once — but we know that many of the prisoners will be 'lifers' and that 70 per cent of the officers will have come straight from college.

"It is not hard to see that there will be problems when a lot of men with nothing to lose are being kept under control by a largely inexperienced and overworked staff.

"The Gartree Prison riots of a few years ago were caused in part by the inexperience of the officers. The Home Office has not done enough to make sure this new prison will operate properly and effectively from the start."

The Home Office, for its part, points out that it was part of the Fresh Start agreement of 1986 that officers should be given help to buy homes for themselves. Staff who have been living in prison quarters or other public housing for more than two years are able to benefit from a 30 per cent discount scheme aimed at helping them to become owner-occupiers. "Our policy is that staff should be encouraged to buy and live in the local community," according to a Home Office spokesman.

This policy is aimed at a service which is nowadays recruited less and less from former Service personnel who are accustomed to "institutional living". The Home Office does agree, however, that the wide gulf in the price of houses between the North and the South-East can lead to difficulties. Discussions between the Government and the POA about ways of relieving this problem are said to be at an early stage.

Two views of the future seem to emerge. On one side the Government wants a leaner, less institutional prison service made up of professional individuals, with more administrative tasks taken over by civilians. On the other side are the majority of officers, who see themselves living in constant danger and seek safety in numbers, with the solidarity and support which comes from service life.

"It comes down to who runs our prisons," says Douglas Hogg, the Home Office Minister in charge. The battle has already begun over who runs Swaleside.

NATIONWIDE, THE FLASH-POINTS AND THEIR RECORD OF RIOTS, SIEGES AND ROOFTOP PROTESTS

Barlinnie, Glasgow. Short-term, local (to city courts) prison. 980 places, 950 inmates. Sieges, hostage-taking, rooftop protest and warders injured in incidents last year.

Dartmoor. Closed vocational training prison. Short, medium and long-termers. 629 places, 614 inmates. Isolated, cold, unpopular. History of industrial troubles.

Gartree, Leicestershire. Top security prison, to which high-risk prisoners are dispersed. 320 places, 309 inmates. December 1987, two prisoners escaped by helicopter.

Glenochil, Clackmannanshire. Long-term prisoners, with detention centre for younger offenders. 496 adult places, 400 inmates. Detention center: 121 places, 118 inmates. Officers wear riot gear permanently in parts of prison. May 1988 riot, three warders hurt, prisoner seriously burnt. July 1988, inmates in "dirty" protest.

Gloucester. Local prison. 193 places, 282 inmates. POA national overtime dispute started here. Riot, rooftop protest in 1986.

Haverigg, Cumbria. Closed training prison. 247 places, 193 inmates. Riots this year, mass escape and fires.

Holloway, London. Women's local prison. 517 places, 460 inmates. History of protests over staffing levels. Current dispute.

Lindholme, near Doncaster. Closed training prison. 1,001 places, 900 inmates. July 1988, six escaped and buildings damaged.

Northeye, East Sussex. Closed training prison. 224 places, 194 inmates. May 1986 riot, massive destruction.

Perth. Long-termers. 500 places, 405 inmates. October 1987 riot. May 1988, prisoners take officer hostage.

Peterhead, near Aberdeen. High security prison. Violent and sex offenders. 180 places, 120 inmates. Hostage taking, riots and "dirty" protest during last three years.

Risley remand centre, near Warrington. 606 places, 702 inmates. July 1988, heavily condemned by Chief Inspector of Prisons because of suicide level. Work-to-rule and strike in 1986.

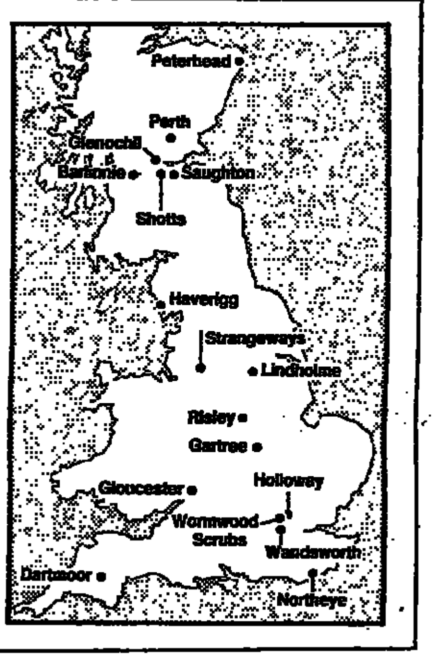
Saughton, Edinburgh. Local prison. Short-termers, remand and local first offenders. 547 places, 570 inmates. Riot, hostage-taking in 1986.

Shotts, Lanarkshire. New long-term, showpiece prison. 528 places, 468 inmates. Rioting, hostage-taking in September 1987.

Strangeways, Manchester. Local prison. 970 places, 1,784 inmates. Said to be the most overcrowded prison in Europe.

Wandsworth, London. Local prison. 1,266 places, 1,539 inmates. Most prisoners serving over 18 months. Two years of industrial action. Current ban on new admissions. Prisoners often locked up 23 hours a day.

Wormwood Scrubs, London. Local prison, with wing for 250 long-term prisoners including "lifers". 1,024 places, 1,039 inmates. March 1988, officers padlocked main gate in protest at overcrowding. Ban on admissions followed.



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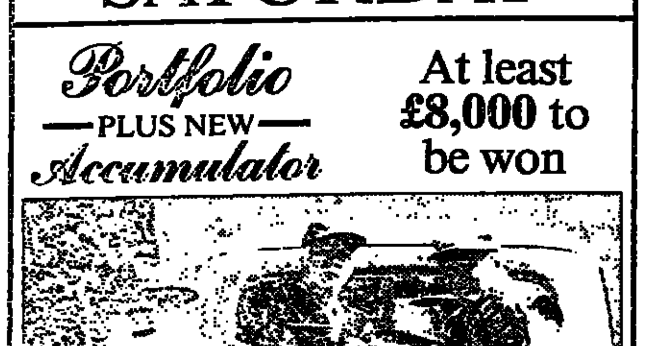

Beanfield warriors: from Robert Redford's *The Milagro Beanfield War*

Actors who call the shots

Chaplin did it, Orson Welles did it, now Robert Redford's new film, *The Milagro Beanfield War*, is the latest in a series of movies directed by actors. Tomorrow *The Times* looks at how they adapt to life behind the lens

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As houses spread across Dorset's dry heathland, one of Britain's most magnificent birds may find itself without a home

Putting the hobby to flight

One of the most magnificent sights in the British skies is that of a hobby, running down its prey of young swallows and house martins. With its slate grey back, and wings swept sharply back like scythes, this rare falcon has a brutally efficient style. It is the avian equivalent of fast bowler Malcolm Marshall.

In a pine tree on the southern edge of Canford Heath, a mile or so from the town centre of Poole, Dorset — and on the edge of a housing estate — two hobbies are nesting this summer. They form one of only 500 pairs in Britain. Their choice of nesting site, on their quarter of a mile square of dry heathland, is not irrational, or new. What has happened is that Poole's housing estates have arrived on their doorstep.

When the hobbies return next year, in fact, they are likely to find that their tree has disappeared. Instead there will be a mix of houses, from executive to starter homes. The part of Canford Heath where they nest is zoned for "medium density" building — a prime example, according to Chris Tydeman, of the World Wide Fund for Nature, of how existing wildlife legislation is failing to work.

As well as the hobby, Canford Heath contains the nightjar, woodlark and Dartford Warbler, all nationally endangered species; some of Europe's rarest reptiles, sand lizards and smooth snakes; three types of gorse; and uncommon butterflies such as the gatekeeper and grayling. It is typical of a kind of internationally important lowland heathland which is in decline over much of Europe.

The Dorset heaths contain 90 per cent of the United Kingdom's sand lizards and 80 per cent of its smooth snakes, both endangered species. In fact the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds now regards this type of sandy heathland, unaltered since pre-historic times, as the most vulnerable habitat type in Britain, more important even than Scotland's Flow country.

Two hundred years ago there were about 98,000 acres of heathland in the Poole Basin. Today there are fewer than 14,000 acres in isolated blobs around south-east Dorset, less than a fifth of which are protected as nature reserves. Ten per cent have been lost within the past 10 years alone.

Most of these heathland pockets have been designated by the Nature Conservancy Council as sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs), though conservationists say this has not protected them from neglect. The resources needed for that are missing, and heathland sites have become overgrown, or damaged by motorcyclists.

The greatest threat, however, is the outward push of the thriving Bournemouth-Poole conurbation. Next month there will be a public examination of Dorset County Council's proposed structure plan, when conservationists will formally object to further plans to develop heathland, this time near Bournemouth Airport.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, the NCC, the Government's wildlife agency, has the power to designate SSSIs and, if they are threatened, either to compulsorily purchase them or to conclude financial agreements to prevent damage. In practice, this is usually too expensive. But Canford does not even have this protection because only part of it was designated as an SSSI in 1985.

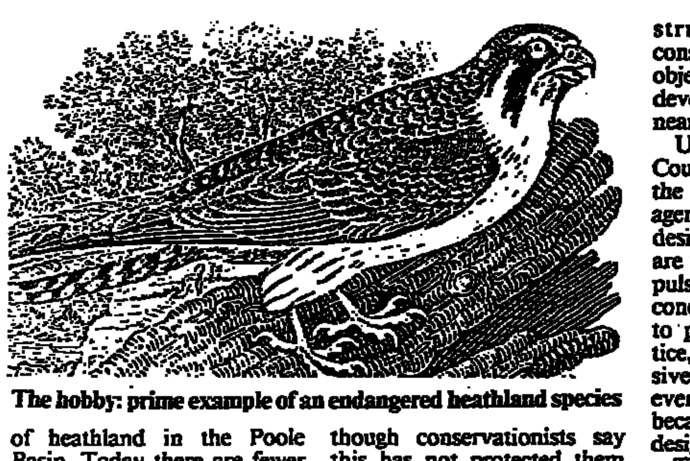
The southern third of the heath was excluded because the NCC believed "irrevocable permission" had been granted for building and it was futile to draw a line around land it could not defend. But Keith Corbett, of the British Herpetological Society, said yesterday that the NCC was wrong to exclude any part of the heath. "The southern third is as rich in wildlife terms as the rest of the heath, if not richer," he said.

Jeremy Wright, chief assistant town planner for Poole District Council, said the land had been designated for building since at least 1979. He pointed out that Poole was one of the fastest growing areas in Britain, with a population of about 126,000 and a growth of 16,000 in the past 14 years.

The Council had used as much waste and derelict land as it could, yet demand for housing in the area was "unceasing". There was still a "tremendous scarcity" of building land. (Ironically, however, the town's green belt, which lies beyond Canford and has little nature value, is being firmly maintained.)

This autumn the RSPB will launch a campaign to inform local planners of the international importance of this sweep of heather and gorse, described by Thomas Hardy as "singularly colossal in its swarthy monotony". On that campaign's success may depend the hobby's survival next spring.

Gareth Huw Davies



The hobby: prime example of an endangered heathland species

SCIENCE REPORT

When comets fall out and stars go to war

Shooting stars will be a treat for stargazers this week as the Earth meets its regular twice-yearly appointment with the so-called Perseid meteorites. Plunging into the Earth's atmosphere and burning up in an incandescent blaze, these tiny particles, no bigger than a grain of rice and often much smaller, are what remains of a comet that disintegrated long ago. The cloud of debris continues to follow the vanished comet's orbit, and, as the Earth passes through it, shooting stars invade the upper atmosphere, apparently coming from a point in the constellation Perseus, just below the distinctive "W" of Cassiopeia. Many other dust clouds produce meteorite showers, but the signs are that this year's Perseids will put on a spectacular display.

From London, the shooting stars should appear just before dawn, as Perseus rises in the eastern sky. There should still be plenty to see over the coming weekend.

As well as looking for meteorites, astronomers have been studying the summer sky with great interest since the announcement in May (see Science Report, May 19) of a unique rapidly-rotating neutron star (or pulsar) in the constellation Sagitta, about 10° above the bright star Altair, which, with Deneb and Vega, makes up the distinctive "Summer Triangle", a prominent feature of the northern summer's evening sky.

Until now, the new pulsar, PSR 1957+20, has been "seen" only with radio telescopes, but the first visual sighting is reported in *Nature* this week. Shrinivas Kulkarni and colleagues based at Mount Palomar Observatory in California have spotted a very faint star in the position of the original radio signal.

The pulsar, an object as weighty as the Sun but only a dozen kilometres across, is spinning 625 times a second and, once every nine hours, completes a close orbit with its partner, a dim star about one-tenth the size of the Sun but with only one-fiftieth its mass.

The two are so close that intense radiation from the pulsar is boiling away its companion.

Luckily for the astronomers, the orbit of the pulsar and its hapless partner lies across our line of sight, so that every nine hours an eclipse occurs as one object passes in front of the other. Using the 60-inch telescope at Mount Palomar with a sensitive light detector called a charge-coupled device (CCD), Kulkarni and colleagues looked for a star whose brightness varied in time with the eclipse period deduced from the radio observations: and this is what they found. The previously uncatalogued visible star, dubbed "Star X", appears to be the tormented companion, not the pulsar itself, which although bright to radio astronomers is far too faint for even the most powerful optical telescopes.

Despite the battering it gets from its rapacious neighbour, the companion star looks rather ordinary when seen from Earth, 2,600 light-years away. It is about as bright as similar stars elsewhere, so the predations of the invisible neutron star cannot be making it hot. The researchers conclude that X-rays or low energy gamma rays are blowing away the surface layers of Star X without heating it up much.

This stellar carnage will go unnoticed by even the most enthusiastic amateur astronomer: an incredible degree of technical sophistication is needed to see Star X at all, and matching it with the coordinates of PSR 1957+20 to establish that the one is the counterpart of the other is harder still.

But watching the miniature blaze as each Perseid meteorite burns up in the atmosphere, one can perhaps more easily imagine a whole star, 2,600 light years away towards the centre of the Galaxy, being consumed by a similar fate.

Henry Gee

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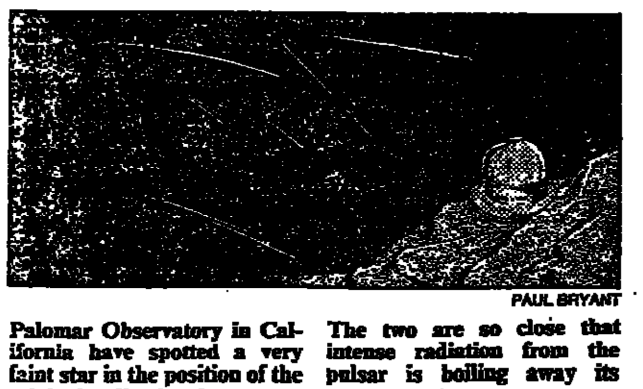

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DAVID WALKER

The First Division Association must be one of the very few trade unions where, on a nod and a wink basis, the Security Service approves the general secretary. Sorry: put that another way. The FDA must be one of the few trade unions where the executive committee *knows for a fact* that vetting of the general secretary takes place. Curzon Street will not, however, be losing much sleep over the short-list for the succession to John Ward at the union, which organizes civil servants from higher executive officer up.

MI5 doesn't in the event have much to do, especially since the FDA's office is overlooked by the Special Branch's at New Scotland Yard. Two of the short-listed candidates, Sue Corby and Derek Stobbs, are FDA officials. The other three do not pose many problems, unless membership of the Labour Party is nowadays considered subversive.

Two are from the white-collar end of the union world, including Jon Akker, the deputy at the Association of University Teachers. The fifth is Jim Murphy, currently a member of Stanley Clinton Davis's *cabinet* in Brussels. Murphy, to be fair, had his application in before Mrs Thatcher announced the summary dispatch of Clinton Davis; he, with David Lipsey, former editor of *New Society*, and a cast of thousands, is also running for the £30,000-a-year job heading Lady Blackstone's think tank.

Ward himself, who ran the Bank of England's staff association before the FDA, is off to indulge a lifelong passion by becoming head of development at Opera North in Leeds. Candidates for his job could do a lot worse than a quick read of Kobbé's since, although Lord Armstrong has gone, the quickest way to break down mandarin reserve during pay negotiations is still a discussion about where the accents go in *Kátya Kabanová*.

The scorecard in the DHSS divorce now looks like this. John Moore was given, as permanent secretary, the junior, if more spirited, of the pair of permanent secretaries at DHSS, Michael Patridge. Kenneth Clarke won the redoubtable Romola Christopherson as his press secretary; Moore this week received Steve Reardon, the number two in the Department of Employment's information office. Moore has done particularly well in the battle for accommodation. Not only has he avoided exile to the frozen wastes of the Elephant and Castle and gets to stay in Richmond Terrace in Whitehall; he keeps his upper office, with its good views. Clarke is on the floor below.

This week's conference celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Public Records Office opened by the Lord Chancellor was one of the last official functions of the Keeper of Public Records, Dr Geoffrey Martin, before he retires. Martin, a professional historian, came to the PRO from the University of Leicester, but he hands over in October to Michael Roper, at present the deputy in charge of the PRO at Kew. Roper's appointment has given official record-keepers much pleasure, if only because it shows the top job is still open to civil servants.

Mrs Thatcher arrived home this week to a Downing Street in the throes of refurbishment. The entire suite of official rooms is being painted and plastered during the summer break. The street furniture has been restored, too. Opposite Number 10 the old police watch-house built in a niche in the wall of the Foreign Office has been done up in a suitably regal colour scheme — its columns now shine in blue and gold.

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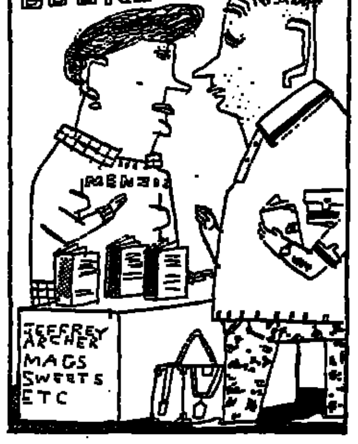

'Have you got something called *The Unbearable Lateness of Boeing*?'

Some people view Civil Service lawyers as second-rate people doing a dull, routine job, says James Nursaw, the Home Office lawyer who is about to become head of the legal profession in the government. Nursaw is taking over from Sir John Bailey as Treasury Solicitor, part of whose function is to oversee government law. Naturally he doesn't share that view, though he is anxious about how many young lawyers Whitehall is managing to attract these days, when soliciting in the City pays so much more.

One of his legacies is a rate of applications for judicial review of government approaching 400 per year — judicial review being one of the main ways the citizenry can get back at Whitehall administration. The more cases which go against the Government the more the quality of legal advice falls under suspicion.

Nursaw admits that many applications for judicial review are down to the Home Office, stemming from immigration cases. The trend to review worries him. "Leave is given for review too easily in too many cases," he says — a pregnant remark from this canny lawyer.

The Treasury Solicitor's team is effectively the biggest solicitors' firm in the country. It does conveyancing on government property, advises the Treasury on points of law, oversees the lawyers in Whitehall departments and briefs barristers in the Crown's civil cases.

Nursaw says he has never wanted to do any other kind of legal work. The barrister is bought by one side; the solicitor answers to his client. Only in the Civil Service, he says, do lawyers have a more objective role.

Andrew McEwen on why the hostages' hopes lie with Dr Runcie

The Archbishop's game

Nine weeks ago the idea that freelance diplomacy conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury might lead to the release of the hostages in Beirut would have seemed absurdly optimistic. Since then there have been a dozen significant diplomatic or political developments affecting Anglo-Iranian relations, of which Dr Runcie has been responsible for nearly half.

It came as no great surprise, therefore, that when a senior official of the Iranian Foreign Ministry arrived in Britain on Wednesday he headed not for the Foreign Office but for Lambeth Palace.

The enigmatic statements issued yesterday both by Lambeth Palace and the Iranian Embassy served only to confirm that matters are at a delicate stage. After two meetings with Mr Reza Said Mohamedi, Dr Runcie boarded a plane for Philadelphia leaving behind a host of unanswered questions. A few hours later a British diplomat, David Reddaway, was heading for Tehran to test the diplomatic waters.

There is little doubt in the minds of the group of MPs who travelled to Iran at Dr Runcie's request in June — the first of his private initiatives — that Mohamedi came to Britain to discuss the hostages. Their view is that the Iranians would not have sent him if it was not to talk about the hostages.

The MPs noticed on that trip that some of the leaders knew little of the British system, and it might be thought that Mohamedi's action in talking to a religious rather than political leader showed a misunderstanding of the British constitution. Coming from a country led by mullahs, he might have assumed that Dr Runcie enjoyed direct influence in Downing Street. However, he is far too sophisticated to make such a mistake, even if the same cannot be said for all of his superiors.

What is most likely is that Iranian moderates understand the distinction well, but find Dr Runcie convenient for domestic political reasons. Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iran's wily parliamentary speaker and acting head of the armed forces, wants to secure the hostages' release as soon as possible. He sees this as an essential step towards better relations with the West and a revival of Iran's wider fortunes.

But Rafsanjani does not control Hezbollah, the pro-Iranian group in Beirut thought to be holding Terry Waite and the other hostages. This power is believed to lie with radical elements who will not act without the approval of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Rafsanjani needs to be able to convince his detractors that obtaining the hostages' freedom would serve Iranian interests — which is where Dr Runcie comes in. Margaret Thatcher has always said she will never negotiate a hostage deal, but Dr Runcie's meeting with Mohamedi might be seen in Tehran as an alternative diplomatic route.

This line of thinking lay behind Dr Runcie's decision to send the Bishop of Cyprus, the Right Rev John Brown, to Beirut 10 days ago to talk to Christian Maronite and Armenian church leaders. He asked them to try to find out what had become of Iranian hostages captured by Christian militiamen in Beirut six years ago. Rafsanjani's faction interepreted this as a positive gesture — as Dr Runcie hoped they would.

So the Archbishop's role seems to be to enable Tehran to use its influence with the hostage-takers without loss of face among the radicals. He is not alone in understanding that: the Foreign Office is probably using him in the same way. Its assertion that it had nothing to do with Mohamedi's visit ("We seem to have been rather left out of it," an official said yesterday) should not be taken as literal truth.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Dr Runcie understand each other well. And it is most unlikely that Sir Geoffrey does not approve of the Lambeth Palace actions, and know of every move in advance. In fact the Foreign Office has long wanted to move faster in the restoration of normal relations with Iran, but has been held back by Downing Street.

Opinions vary as to why this should be. One view from the left is that the Prime Minister has been excessively anxious to please Ronald Reagan. Others trace Mrs Thatcher's lack of enthusiasm to her concern that there should be no appearance of doing a deal.

Whatever the differences between Geoffrey Howe and Margaret Thatcher, it would be wrong to suppose that she has been left out in the cold by Dr Runcie's unconventional diplomacy. She was directly responsible for one of the 12 steps which Anglo-Iranian relations have climbed since June 19, when Dr Runcie's parliamentary group set off for Tehran. This was a letter which she wrote to David Waite, brother of Terry Waite, which was judiciously leaked with great impact.

It restated the Government's policy on Iran in much more conciliatory terms than previously, and was immediately seized on by the Rafsanjani faction as proof of a Thatcher U-turn. The letter was rushed round from Downing Street to Lambeth Palace on July 27, the day after the Government decided to send Mr Reddaway to Tehran (though the decision was not announced until Monday).

The overall picture which emerges is one of a three-pronged diplomatic approach involving Mrs Thatcher, Howe and Runcie, with the latter making most of the running. If it serves to release Terry Waite, John McCarthy and Brian Keenan, few will grudge him the glory.

Václav Havel

Where Brezhnev still rules

The more it changes . . . Brezhnev had control of Husák (centre), and the laws of survival dictate that he has control over Czechoslovakia's new leader, Jakeš (right)

Prague

On August 21, 20 years ago, the Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia. The coterie it brought to power fully identified themselves with that invasion, and they also unreservedly accepted the criticism the Soviet Union levelled at Czechoslovakia's experiments at reform — the Prague Spring.

They presented the occupation as "fraternal assistance" and gradually began to demand that the entire society equally declare its agreement with that "assistance". Tens of thousands of supporters of the reforms, of liberal-minded people and of those who refused to connive at such an agreement were brutally persecuted and are, in fact, being persecuted even today.

For the entire 20-year period that these men have been in power they have been repeating the same story — that the 1968 reforms in Czechoslovakia threatened socialism. When they say socialism it is quite clear that they are simply using a more palatable word for their particular form of totalitarian rule, or, in other words, for the unbridled power of the present Communist Party apparatus.

It could be said that these people are, as it were, defined by their antipathy to reform and by their collusion with Brezhnev's armed assault on Czechoslovakia. The unbelievable thoroughness with which they did this was based on the somewhat unwise assumption that Brezhnev would lead the Soviet Union until the end of time.

As we now know, that assumption was faulty. The Czechoslovak rulers, therefore, find themselves in a very embarrassing position: as prisoners of their own definition of themselves they are bound to repeat over and over again everything that they have been saying for the past 20 years, but as loyal supporters of the Soviet Union they must also praise Gorbachov and pretend that they, in Czechoslovakia, are also striving for a kind of *perestroika*. And so they resort to all manner of dialectical trickery, to try to give foundation to palpable nonsense; i.e., that the present Soviet reforms cannot be compared with the Czechoslovak reforms of 1968; that the present half-baked Czechoslovak *perestroika* has also got nothing in common with the 1968 reforms, and that the Soviet intervention was quite justified.

I doubt if the present Soviet leaders can be unduly gratified by this misplaced defence of Brezhnev's arrogant superpower policy, but they are forced — out of loyalty and solidarity with their Czechoslovak allies — to adopt the same attitude. The trouble is that they can hardly export their "new thinking" in same the way that the "old thinking" used to be carried abroad; that is, by tank.

And so we get a paradoxical situation: The Czechoslovak prisoners of the Brezhnevite ideology are turning even Gorbachov — at least as far as this is concerned — into Brezhnev's prisoner too. But Gorbachov has too many other problems to handle without wanting to risk another source of instability in the Soviet sphere of influence. And so he is forced to grit his teeth, keep quiet on the matter of the 1968 occupation, and indulge in fraternal hugs with Milos Jakes.

The people of Czechoslovakia observe the ideological balancing act of their political leadership with apparent mirth. After all, it really is quite funny to watch people who have spent their entire lives suppressing freedom verbally nailing their colours to the mast of freedom, for the sake of suppressing it in real life. And everybody understands perfectly clearly why they have to go on doing it: if they really were to loosen the reins, then it follows they would become the first victims of the fresh breeze that would blow through Czechoslovakia.

But amused interest is nevertheless many miles away from social involvement. Czechoslovak society is still very, very cautious. When we in Charter 77, the human rights group, occasionally meet up at the Czechoslovak-Polish border with our Polish friends from Solidarity and they ask us how many people back us, I feel like answering that whereas Solidarity may have the backing of millions of people, we have merely the backing of millions of ears. By listening to foreign radio stations people follow the work of Charter 77 (and not only of Charter) with interest and sympathy. But they would think very carefully before publicly voicing their support for Charter, or for that matter before stating any opinion whatsoever.

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Czechs and Slovaks are not enthusiasts, they don't get excited too often. In 1968 they did find enthusiasm for something, they acted as emancipated citizens, but they were persecuted for their enthusiasm for the next 20 years. After that bitter experience their present wariness is more than understandable.

Nevertheless, I would not say that over that 20 years the atmosphere in society has not changed at all. People are noticeably beginning to show more daring. There are many instances of this, from the enormous upsurge of unofficial cultural activities, to half a million signatures on a petition demanding greater religious freedom. Events in the Soviet Union, Hungary and after all, even in Poland, encourage this.

The spectacle of the present leadership, forced to tiptoe through a minefield is — far from being a sign of confidence in their totalitarian power — evidence of their confusion and panic and is, therefore, encouraging. It is easier to act against a pathetic ruler who is constantly tying himself in knots than against one who evokes nothing but fear.

The chasm that is opening up between Soviet policies and the policies in Czechoslovakia therefore deepens and brings into relief another chasm, that is also growing deeper: between the ideology of the present leadership in Czechoslovakia and the general spirit in the country.

Both these chasms can go on deepening for quite a time, but presumably not forever. Sooner or later something has to give; the government of a developed and culturally aware country in the centre of Europe cannot for ever go against the direction that the course of events is taking and against the aspirations of most of its people.

What will happen, when it will happen, and how it will happen, no one knows. There can be no reliable forecasts in totalitarian societies, where real social movements are hidden deep below the surface of visible events. Therefore, no one can tell which chance snowball will set off an avalanche.

The regime does not know it either. That is why its police force sees every snowball as the dangerous one and that is why it is so often on red alert. At present it is on alert because of the 20th anniversary of the Soviet invasion. I doubt whether a simple anniversary will be that special snowball. But even in this case I see the uneasiness of the rulers as a good omen. It shows that even in this uninteresting satellite some movement towards a better state of affairs cannot be ruled out.

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Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

The Holloway eye-opener

The prison officers taking industrial action at Holloway Women's Prison say that they are primarily motivated by concern about security. Perhaps that is true, though I doubt it. More likely it is power and money.

What is true is that the prison is functioning without them. In fact it is running better. Nor does there seem to be a problem with security, despite the fact that there are some 200 fewer officers supervising the locking of prisoners, and that the inmates are actually being allowed to move freely about the jail.

According to Press reports, the prisoners are well behaved. That is corroborated by accounts given to me privately by discerning and experienced prison visitors. There do not seem to be the problems that the warders feared. On the argument that lies behind their industrial action we should now be seeing vicious attacks on staff and mass breakouts. Neither has occurred.

Instead the prisoners are doing the washing up. They are quietly preparing lunch. They are doing all the kinds of things that they should always be doing, as a matter of routine, both to help earn their keep and for therapeutic purposes. It should not really be a reason for comment, a cause of excitement and delight, that they are actually being allowed to help run their own daily lives. The child-like pleasure that the women display at being allowed to associate with each other and participate in common household tasks is, itself, a condemnation of the regime that exists when the officers are working normally.

They should never be allowed to work normally again. The atmosphere in the prison now is said to be calm and relaxed. One of the prisoners has been quoted as saying that there is less tension since the officers absconded. A visitor to the prison confirms this. She tells me that the atmosphere is "totally different to what it normally is. There's no one shouting and screaming. No one's locked in." Even the women normally confined in the dismal psychiatric unit have been released from their dreary cells. "It's quite wonderful," she says.

But that is how it should always be. The women have already been punished by being deprived of their liberty. They are not in prison to be punished, still less dominated, terrified and brutalized. There is no need for a tyranny of those in uniform dangling keys.

The longer the dispute continues, and the more open the Home Secretary allows the system to become, then the more people will realize the enormity of what is wrong with our prison system. The prison officers will also become more vulnerable and their position indefensible.

It is true that prison officers have a great deal to complain about. Many of them, but by no means all, work in extremely unpleasant conditions for long hours. They are often at risk of personal injury. It is not a particularly attractive job.

But while some prison officers do have legitimate grievances it also has to be acknowledged that £15,000 a year is not a bad financial reward for someone who need not have so much as an O level, and little in the way of previous training.

It also has to be admitted that the prison officers are often the cause of much that is wrong with our penal system. They are usually to be found in the forefront of the campaign for stricter and more punitive regimes. They are the first to voice resentment at any suggestion of softness towards prisoners.

The national officers of their association, especially its sensible and thoughtful general secretary, David Evans, do, it is true, often advocate moderate reforms. They have begun to attach themselves to good causes. But they are invariably out-faced and out-manoeuvred by the more aggressive and semi-independent local branches. More than any other organization the Prison Officers' Association exhibits characteristics of the tail wagging the dog.

And a very unattractive and negative tail it is. The prison officers have obstructed almost every recent progressive reform. They blocked the introduction of the experiment to end the censorship of prisoners' letters and to install pay telephones in category C prisons. They said it was about security. The experiment was killed, if not in the name, then certainly in the pursuit, or rather maintenance, of power and overtime pay.

The same kind of consideration lies behind the fact that prisoners are kept in police cells, that others are locked up for 23 hours a day and denied access to education, work and recreational facilities though the classrooms are open and the staff waiting. It is why family visits have not been properly developed.

They say they want to see the introduction of a more positive regime for inmates and staff and a greater welfare role for themselves. Yet on every turn their gut reactions belie their well-chosen words. The POA and its members make the most secretive Home Office and the most right-wing Tory Home Secretary appear as raging liberals.

The present Home Secretary seems to be ready to take them on. He should. No trade union member, however tough, should be allowed to write his own pay cheque. He should certainly not be allowed to determine the rights of others and control their behaviour. Men and women without qualifications or training should not be allowed to arrogate to themselves managerial functions merely because they have brute power.

The Home Secretary does not have to be macho about this. There is no need for him to take any of the frenzied advice he has been offered about disciplining or suspending officers. All that he has to do is to start to market the truth. It has always been accepted by most of those involved in the criminal justice system that, if only the public knew just a little of what was going on in the prisons, reform would happen quickly.

Douglas Hurd has, belatedly, realized this. All and sundry are now being invited to Holloway. The tactic is working. Without the protection of secrecy the prison officers have already been shown to have run a punitive regime and to be less important than they pretend. They will now be proved to have lost their case and public sympathy.

But the new openness practised by the Home Secretary, and first promised by Lord Whitelaw, cannot be abandoned when this dispute is over. That will be far too cynical, even though the Home Secretary must know that it will now start to work against him. But it will be for the benefit of the whole system.

AUGUST 12 ON THIS DAY 1789

The random notes that follow show that the gossip column is as old as journalism itself. The attack on the Bastille referred to in the cricket match was a re-enactment of the event, showing at Astley's theatre.

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A MATCH OF CRICKET

On Wednesday last a match of Cricket was played at Hackney, between the Gentlemen of the Club at that place, and the young Gentlemen of a school in the neighbourhood. The former, consisting of two grandfathers, four fathers, and such as had passed their prime, offered a challenge to an equal number of the latter, which was readily accepted. The juvenile appearance of the scholars, contrasted with the aged consequence of their opponents, afforded much mirth to the spectators. Victory at last declared itself in favour of the grown Gentlemen, who immediately shouldered their bats, and, with Mr D —— at their head (who is lately returned from the attack of the Bastile, and who had formerly a command in the Hackney Association, and did great service upon an equal memorable occasion at Hoxton) playing on the violin, "See the conquering hero comes", proceeded to a tent erected for their accommodation, where they were received by some Ladies, who presented them with cockades, which was a representation of Hercules in the act of overcoming an infant, and depriving him of his rattle, with the motto, "*Veni, vidi, vici*". The Company afterwards partook of an entertainment, consisting of tea, lemonade, milk and water, and other refreshing delicacies . . . An oration of some length was afterwards made by their Treasurer, who gave a grand display of his rhetorical powers.

There is to be another trial of skill this day.

Sir Joshua REYNOLDS paints no more portraits: his eyes begin to be unequal to continual employment; so that the representation of past times, instead of living characters, will engage the occasional efforts of his pencil, whatever they may be.

We have heard much of the great pomp and parade of the Duchess of Cumberland. On Saturday her Royal Highness gave a great instance to the contrary, for she was seen walking in Pall Mall alone, without even a footman following, and knocking at Mr CONWAY's door herself.

The good fortune Lord LUCAN has had in marrying two of his daughters so well, makes up in some degree for the discomfort they felt on the conduct of the eldest, who, happily for her, died a few years ago.

A few years ago, a certain Law Lord sent his respects to Counsellor ——, begging to be favoured with the company of himself and wife in the afternoon.

They went accordingly, and after a little chat his Lordship invited the Lady to take a look at the house; on *this* occasion the husband was quite forgot.

The latter waited with great impatience for upwards of half an hour, and at length went in quest of his wife, whom he found in a room in the farthest part of the house, in a visible state of derangement.

He returned to the parlour, whither his Lordship followed him, and the Counsellor entered into very warm expostulations, to which the only reply was a pull at the bell.

The servants came, and were desired to order the Counsellor's coach instantly to the door.

His Lordship then rose, dragged his friend by the skirt of his coat to the door, gave him a kick on the breech, and whispered, "You shall be a Judge!" which actually proved to be the case in the course of a few days.

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THE GENERALS OF RANGOON

The long-suffering people of Burma appear to have had enough; enough of the brutal military dictatorship, which for 26 years has kept them in isolated penury; enough of poverty in a land of rich resources; enough of state socialism in an area of the world where entrepreneurial talents abound; enough of the security forces who open fire with automatic weapons on crowds of unarmed protesters. The continuing bitter street disturbances in Rangoon and 28 other cities show a determination to be rid of the gang of ageing generals who first seized power in 1962 and since then have slowly but surely ruined the country.

When General Ne Win finally saw the writing on the wall last month and handed over to U Sein Lwin the change was not enough. U Sein Lwin was a private soldier in the battalion commanded by Lt-Col Ne Win in 1962. He rapidly made his name as a determined scourge of the new regime's opponents. His efficient cruelty has not been forgotten, still less forgiven.

His relationship to U Ne Win is that of pupil to master, one that is honoured in Burmese culture and one that leads people to believe that power has not in fact been fully transferred. The common cry on the streets this week is that Sein Lwin must go.

But 26 years of one-party rule – in effect rule by an armed oligarchy – have successfully eliminated any effective opposition figures to whom the people can turn. There are no trade union leaders. Although the students are heading the present disturbances, there is no identifiable leadership of the student movement. If there had been an identifiable leadership, it would long ago have been arrested, left to rot in jail, or worse.

There is little danger of the Burmese Communist Party taking over. One half of it has been eliminated and the other half has taken to the hills. There the recruits have come largely from the hill tribes, and they would have no more appeal on the Irrawaddy plain than would the IRA if they attempted to seize power in London.

Perhaps the best hope for the Burmese people will come from a surprising source. When General Ne Win and his cronies took power, they were soldiers untrained except by experience. Private Sein Lwin could become Brigadier Sein Lwin, without much formal instruction in the way of Clausewitz or staff college. But today's brigadiers and colonels and majors, are educated men. They have been trained in their profession, and have also gained experience fighting the secessionists in the border provinces.

They provide an elite which could be encouraged to salvage the country from its recent past. Thus the news that some soldiers have been refusing to fire on demonstrators is much the most significant of this week's events.

If the present Government genuinely wishes to avoid mutiny or civil war it will have to act quickly. If U Sein Lwin were to hand over power, the present Defence Minister, General Saw Maung, would be a crucial figure even though he has a reputation as a poor politician. Another important figure might be U Kyaw Htin, a veteran former army chief with some degree of popular appeal.

If a transfer were acceptable it would have to be backed up by the full implementation of the economic reforms put in train by the new Government before it was overtaken by the present street violence. These were as dramatic as was the decision of U Ne Win to step down.

Free enterprise was once more allowed. Foreign participation in all areas of the economy was invited. Exporters were to be allowed to keep half of their foreign earnings, which, if not much, was certainly better than the nothing they had been allowed hitherto and could have rescued the rice trade from last year's virtual collapse.

There are indications that such a programme would be acceptable in Burma. Yesterday there were widespread rumours that a change of government would be announced in a nationwide broadcast by the political leadership. As the rumours spread, so the rioting diminished.

But, when it came, the broadcast by the prime minister and defence minister was a disappointment. Instead of announcing a change of government, they simply urged people to obey the advice of the Buddhist priests who had been wheeled out the day before to recommend obedience and a return to work. This remains advice that stands little chance of being accepted.

NOT WITHOUT A SPARK

The Test and County Cricket Board meets today to try to revive the famous ashes of English Test cricket. It is unlikely to be a meeting of quite the urgency which has been urged upon it. The old men of the game have all been here before. Eighteen Tests without a win is not a record to merit congratulatory chinking of glasses. This summer's rout by the West Indies was a plain embarrassment. But glasses will still, we would hazard, be chinked.

After all, it can be cosily recalled, the collapse of England's batsmen before demon foreign bowling has been a familiar feature of post-war sporting history: not even Hutton and Washbrook, Edrich, Compton and their friends could stand up to Bradman's Australians in 1948. It is not so much that, in Kipling's phrase, mere "flannelled fools" have worn their England helmets at the wickets this year. It is more that the defeats have come at the hands of West Indians whose cricketing gifts are rare and recognized throughout the civilized (that is, cricket-playing) world.

And cricket is not the only sport to dash recent hopes of national glory. England's performance in the European Championship of football looked third-rate beside that of other countries. The Welsh, though the best of the home rugby teams this year, were well beaten by New Zealand on their last demoralizing tour.

So much for pink gin and reasoned mitigation. Those cricket leaders who truly care for the sport should find insufficient here to argue for doing nothing at all. Recent defeats have been unusually severe. Moreover, they have happened only in the five-day Test matches. In the less prestigious one-day games the record remains good. Not so long ago, the England team was celebrating a 3-0 victory against the same West Indians who destroyed them in the Tests.

A number of possible causes for this weakness have been outlined in *The Times* this week. They include the state of the game in schools, the condition of pitches, the dependence on overseas players at county level and the plethora of limited-over games. To which of these should the TCCB turn its promptest attention?

The number of overseas cricketers playing here certainly takes some of the interest from the Test match programme. At one time a tour by the West Indies brought a squad of fresh faces and talents to this country. Now, half the team is over here already.

This helps them adapt to English conditions (or rather makes it harder than in the past for us to exploit their problems in adaptation). But the argument that they are holding up the development of young English players is hard to sustain. Our strength in the one-day game would suggest that home-grown talent is still there.

It is in the development of that talent for five-day matches that the county game falls short. In a five-day Test a batsman needs patience and concentration. He has to "build" a big innings with care and skill – not sacrifice all in the interests of speed. Poor pitches throughout the county grounds make it more difficult than ever for batsmen to master the different technique.

One answer to this is for the game's leaders to insist on better pitches and to impose penalties on counties which fail to do so. This would be in the interests of fairness if nothing else. The umpires would decide whether a pitch was up to standard and report the offenders to the board for fining or other treatment.

Another remedy might be the introduction of a complete four-day championship game. Although this would be difficult before 1990 because next summer's programme has already been drafted, many batsmen think it would give them the experience they now so clearly lack.

The TCCB will no doubt ponder these and other considerations today. Despite the clamour for change, it will claim legitimate satisfaction from the level of care which so many show for their deliberations. As long as people argue and complain, as long as they criticize selectors, players and pitches, England's ashes are not without a spark.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bulldozing history

From Mr Stephen Drake-Jones

Sir, All is not lost for Sir Charles Rawley and the Society for the Preservation of the Field of the Battle of Naseby (report, early editions, August 2) regardless of the High Court ruling in favour of the Department of Transport. At least they have the chance to appeal, thus being able to continue the fight.

Not so here in Spain. A motorway is being ploughed through the very heart of the battlefield of Talavera where General Wellesley earned the title "Wellington" and where thousands of British, Spanish and French dead had lain in peace until the earth-removers arrived.

No debates, no public hearings, not even a reply from the Ministerio de Transporte to our letters. The opening takes place just before the completion of a super highway through another historical battlefield of the Peninsular War, Vitoria.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN DRAKE-JONES
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August 3.

Demise of a car

From Dr J. H. K. Fitton

Sir, I was not surprised to read about the Africar's demise (report, August 5). In 1974 three of us drove due north from Livingstone to Leeds via Lubumbashi, Kindu, Kisangani, Bangui, Kano, Agades and across the Sahara through Tamanrasset to Algiers.

We used my ordinary two-wheel drive Toyota Crown saloon with 50,000 miles on the clock. The only modification was an extra 20-gallon fuel tank behind the rear seats.

In contrast to the Africar's many mechanical problems we never really broke down. The roads, especially in Zaire, were very poor. Holes were not filled in after lorries had been dug out and there was little sign of general repair work.

I suspect that the transport needs of the so-called independent African countries will continue to be met mainly by the Japanese motor industry, not by elongated wooden dune buggies.

Yours faithfully,
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August 5.

Cure for gazumping?

From Mr Trevor M. Aldridge

Sir, In the course of suggesting that estate agents can eliminate gazumping, Mr Bruges (August 3) casts aside the possibility of universal structural surveys, "on account of the enormous liability this incurs". But surely, *doing* a survey does not incur any liability; it is doing it *negligently* that puts a surveyor's pocket in peril.

A structural survey is a prudent precaution for any property purchaser, whether or not he is liable to be gazumped. Anyone geared to a modern market-forces philosophy would expect the purveyors of a useful service to be trumpeting its benefits and competing to offer them.

Yours faithfully,
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From here to where?

From Mr P. A. Mitchell

Sir, Many signposts offer an "alternative route" to an unstated destination. Are these to help our journey, or to remind us that in the most habitual of actions we must make a choice?

Yours faithfully,
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Snag in shopping for surgery

From Dr D. E. A. Luxton

Sir, Discussion about the future of the NHS has led to two suggestions. First, that patients should use hospital facilities in other parts of the country when treatment is not readily available locally. Second, that the outcome of hospital care should be publicized so patients can compare hospitals.

The difficulties of applying consumerism to health care are illustrated by the histories of two patients who died in their local district hospital.

The first chose to have a hip replacement operation in London (as an NHS patient). Before his discharge he began to cough up blood but was nevertheless allowed home. He was admitted to hospital and died.

The second patient elected to have a prostate operation at a private hospital. The procedure was complicated by septicaemia, with improvement after treatment. He was discharged home. He later became unwell and entered hospital. The patient failed to respond to treatment and died.

The outcome of both cases might have been different had the initial hospital team been able to retain responsibility for follow-up. They could have acted quickly when the complications of surgery occurred by offering readmission to hospital.

In any public analysis of hospital activity both cases would register as successful outcomes for the hospitals providing the initial treatment but count against the one where they died. Such information would be misleading but could in future be used by patients to choose a hospital for their operation.

Shopping around for surgery has its dangers if complications arise afterwards.

Yours faithfully,
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Starving seabirds

From Mr Robert J. W. Poole

Sir, Many of your readers must have been shocked to read the article "Shetland seabird chicks starve" (August 4). The seabirds of our more desolate coastlines add a beauty and majesty to the scene, particularly of course when the elements are at their worst.

Last summer I watched a group of fishermen on the rocks in West Penwith, Cornwall. They were being attacked by terns, trying desperately to snatch the sand-eel baits used by the fishermen, and were clearly driven by extremes of hunger.

There is apparently no scientific evidence so far that the lack of food in the seas off Shetland is causing this disaster. There must be many who have a shrewd hunch that whereas our forefathers cheerfully killed entire species with guns, we have now refined the system to kill them off agonisingly by hunger.

Yours sincerely,
R. J. W. POOLE,
Sancreed, 26 Austen Way,
Chalfont St Peter,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.
August 6.

Back in the fold

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. G. Woodhouse

Sir, Surely the 13 men from 13 houses in Woolley, Somerset, who returned successfully from the First World War (referred to in Sir Gordon Cox's letter of August 3) must have served in the 13th Light Infantry (or The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) as it was then known)?

Members of the regiment often referred to themselves as "lucky for some".

Yours faithfully,
R. G. WOODHOUSE
(Regimental Secretary
(Somerset),
The Light Infantry),
14 Mount Street,
Taunton, Somerset.
August 4.

On the run

From Mrs Jean Le Maitre

Sir, If Mrs Parker-Jervis (August 5) were to travel amongst the bosky lanes of Cornwall, as we have just done, she might come across the following notice: "Little monsters on the loose". After passing, and enjoying, this notice for some years now, it was only this year that we also noticed that the garden upon whose wall this notice is nailed contains quantities of garden gnomes.

Yours faithfully,
JEAN Le MAITRE,
20 Fulwood Hall Lane,
Preston, Lancashire.
August 5.

Doubts about the grain supplies

From the Editor of Farming News

Sir, If, as you argue in your leader of August 9, it is best for Britain to support free agricultural trade, then why do you not question the decision of the European Community in July to impose a quota on European grain exports?

Is not the American drought, the Chinese drought, and continuing Soviet inefficiency not a heaven-sent opportunity for the EC to clear out its so-called surpluses?

Instead you seek to slap the wrists of agricultural lobbyists who might use the opportunity of global crop failure to say, "I told you so".

Many British grain growers, who, contrary to your assertion, do not want to be propped up with taxpayers' money, are deeply suspicious of Government and EC intentions. When over 60 per cent of the grain harvest has to be sold in the months of August and September to appease thousands of anxious bank managers, the price farmers can expect is pushed artificially low.

No one in the farming community wants to see a repetition of what happened last year, when 170,000 tonnes of wheat was imported into the UK from, of all places, Saudi Arabia at almost double the price achieved domestically.

The Government's efforts to encourage farmers into set-aside are viewed with equal suspicion. Why should British growers, with some of the lowest production costs in the world, consider fallowing good grain-growing land?

American scientists, among others, are now seriously concerned that the "greenhouse" effect caused by the worldwide burning of fossil fuels could mean that this year's drought is not a one-off.

Your plea for "diversity of supply" sounds lovely, but are you sure that it will always exist?

Yours faithfully,
MARCUS OLIVER, Editor,
Farming News,
30 Calderwood Street, SE18.

Food crisis in Sudan

From Dr T. P. Martin

Sir, Your report today (August 9) of the disastrous flooding in Sudan made distressing reading and was particularly poignant for me. Earlier this year, sponsored by the British Council, I visited the Faculty of Education, Atbara, which is close to El Damer. I was accompanied by a Sudanese student who is studying for a higher degree at Southampton University.

The people were struggling against great odds at that time, and the present events will make many developments impossible. I am particularly concerned about the enormous difficulties in transporting food and resources around the country.

Your warm support of the people of Sudan in your editorial (August 9) was a great encouragement. I trust that the appeal fund is generously supported and can vouch for the needs it will meet.

Yours faithfully,
TERRY MARTIN,
The University of Southampton,
Department of Education,
Southampton SO9 5NH.

Baker's Soviet visit

From Mr Alexei Nikiforov

Sir, Apropos Mr David Tytler's report today (August 10), may I point out that the details of the official visit by the Secretary of State for Education and Science, including the Novosibirsk part of it, have been practically agreed upon.

The Soviet side had no difficulty whatsoever in arranging all that; neither, as far as we know, had the British one. Indeed, both sides are, to use Mr Tytler's phrase, "anxious to produce concrete results" from this important visit.

No half-baked revelations can detract, I trust, from the significance of Mr Baker's visit, which is certainly meant to promote our cooperation.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXEI NIKIFOROV
(Counsellor),
Embassy of the USSR,
13 Kensington Palace Gardens, W8.

War compensation

From Mrs Valmai Parry

Sir, With reference to the recen decision of the US Government to compensate Japanese Americans for internment during World War II (report, August 6), perhaps this is the time to raise the matter of, compensation for victims of the Nazi occupation in Europe during that time.

We have a client, a Polish Catholic, who was taken by the Gestapo at the age of 14 into enforced labour; she spent the rest of the war in various concentration camps terminating at Belsen.

She first put in a claim for compensation in 1961, but since that date has only received a small sum of £550 from the United Nations as an *ex gratia* payment – most of which was taken up by legal costs.

At present, after negotiations which we have been undertaking since 1986, we have reached an impasse with the West German Government. Although they agree her application was made on time and was mislaid and went to the wrong department, they are contending that it has now missed the deadline and the government department will not pay out unless she can prove serious lasting physical injury. She cannot – except for mental anguish, termination of schooling, loss of her youth, etc.

Yours faithfully,
VALMAI PARRY
(Bureau Manager),
Citizens Advice Bureau,
65 Church Street,
Flint, Clwyd.

Exam standards

From Mr S. Chattopadhyay

Sir, I am in the rather unusual position of having done both O-level and GCSE examinations in successive years. Last year, I offered mathematics, computer studies and English language as O levels, whilst this year I offered the majority of my subjects as GCSEs.

I feel that Miss Clare Oliver (July 30) was mistaken when she wrote about O-level candidates doing only two weeks of work before the examination. I found that it rather required about four weeks of preparation. However, I did feel that the pressure, as a GCSE candidate, throughout the course was far greater than anything I experienced at O level.

In O level the emphasis was greater on factual information than principles. It was possible to learn the facts in a dash before the exam, as I had to for computer studies, whilst with GCSE the pressure is present throughout the two years due to the assessments that have to be made. This requires the principles and factual information to be learnt there and then.

I think that the GCSE is a better examination; it certainly has more relevance to life than O level. My only grudge was that the exam was badly implemented into the education system, though I think things will become easier with time.

With reference to Miss Kirsty Woodard (August 5), I do not think standards have changed; it is only the emphasis of study, from factual to principle.

Yours faithfully,
S. CHATTOPADHYAY,
69 Gordon Road,
Corringham,
Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.

'Leaner' levels

From Mr Warwick Hele

Sir, In his letter about the Higginson report (August 3) Dr Moore makes a significant point about the Government's policy on A and AS level. His concern is for the university entrance prospects of those who change their mind about their specialisms during their sixth-form course. He is quite right to stress that students who find that one of their AS-level subjects is more interesting than their A levels must not suffer if they wish to study that subject at university or polytechnic.

In a great many fields there will be no problem. Some subjects at university are not studied at school at all and for others the entry qualifications do not name the school subjects required. A range of combinations of A and AS levels chosen in accordance with the pupil's academic interests, would therefore be acceptable.

Instances where a particular A level is required, and where the sixth-former has changed his or her mind after embarking on the AS-level course, are not likely to be numerous. But they do, of course, represent some constraint on choice. This potential disadvantage to a small minority has to be weighed against the advantage to the great majority of a flexible system geared to the wide variety of individual needs.

The two-tier arrangement of A and AS level is a more flexible way of meeting these diverse needs than the single tier involved in five equal A levels. It is natural that sixth-formers should want to devote more time to some subjects than others. This diversity of need is widely recognised elsewhere, in the French Baccalaureate and the German Abitur for instance. The International Baccalaureate, too, is a two-tier examination.

Dr Moore's point about premature specialisation and university entry requirements is important, but it can be met within the proposed pattern of A and AS level. Set against the background of sixth-form studies as a whole his concern is less central than it may appear to the objective of broadening the curriculum.

Yours sincerely,
WARWICK HELE
(formerly High Master, St Paul's School),
Hillside,
Hawkesdene Lane,
Shaftesbury, Dorset.

A little Greek

From Dr O. T. P. K. Dickinson

Sir, As a classicist who became an archaeologist and now finds that concentration is needed to avoid pronouncing ancient Greek like modern Greek, I have some sympathy with Mrs Stavrinou (August 3) but the fact remains: ancient Greek was not pronounced like modern Greek, any more than Old English was pronounced like modern English. The ancient Greeks would hardly have taken the trouble to spell differently various groups of vowels that are now pronounced the same way if it had been.

This divergence between spelling and pronunciation is the source of Mr Haldane's problem (July 25); but while modern Greeks continue to spell Euboia in the old way, I will continue to write it like that, and I certainly would prefer to go on writing Mycenae (not Mikines), Odysseus (not Othyssefs), and so on!

I suspect that in all European countries where ancient Greek is taught the pronunciation will have more in common with the "anglicised" version than with modern "Athenian" Greek, though, as with Latin, I am sure there will be local variations; and I cannot help wondering whether some of the sound contrasts of the ancient poetry would be lost if it was pronounced in the modern manner, though undoubtedly it is preferable to hear it spoken with the lightness of emphasis and fluency that characterise modern Greek, but are found in few schoolboys' attempts to speak any foreign language, as I recall.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER DICKINSON,
Chairman,
Department of Classics,
University of Durham,
38 North Bailey, Durham.
August 3.

A Lambeth crux over violence

From the Chairman of the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship

Sir, What a muddle the Lambeth Conference got itself into by insisting that the Church is not pacifist while at the same time continuing to adhere to a pacifist Gospel. Full of good intentions, the conference (report, August 5) "understood" the situation of those, as in South Africa, who see no alternative to the use of violence in their effort to achieve freedom.

The 1988 Lambeth Conference evidently forgot that the 1978 conference declared that "the use of violence is ultimately contradictory to the Gospel" – or else it decided that there are some evils which even Jesus could not overcome, again forgetting the 1978 Lambeth Conference, which said that

> Jesus, through his death and resurrection, has already overcome all evil. He made evident that self-giving love, obedience to the way of the Cross, is the way to reconciliation in all relationships and conflicts.

By "understanding" the situation of South African freedom fighters, the Lambeth Conference at first failed to realise that this would offer a justification which the IRA would readily accept for its own increasingly evil tactics. By hastily passing a new resolution (report, August 6) condemning all violence in Ireland, the conference succeeded in suggesting that some violence used for political ends is more contradictory to the Gospel than other violence.

Until it is realised that the Christian message to the world is that the power of love must replace violence as the power which underlies all society and the rule of law, there will be neither peace in the world nor consistency in the Church.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON WILSON, Chairman,
Anglican Pacifist Fellowship,
As from: Centre for International Peacebuilding,
Wickham House,
10 Cleveland Way, E1.
August 8.

From Mr Ludovic Kennedy

Sir, You recently reported Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, as saying that the Government is determined to beat the IRA, and Mrs Thatcher has been voicing much the same sentiments. But on *Panorama* last February General Sir James Glover, former C-in-C Land Forces UK and Head of Military Intelligence, declared unequivocally that the IRA could never be defeated militarily.

Does not future British policy in Northern Ireland depend on the resolving of these two apparently contradictory views?

Yours etc,
LUDOVIC KENNEDY,
Ashdown, Avebury,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
August 8.

Pronounced difficulty

From the Earl of Cork and Orrery

Sir, Mr Michael Wolf (August 5) says that English-speaking people will always go to Rome and Munich and not to "Roma" or München". I expect they will, but it is worth asking, in what that resolute word-warrior the late Lord Conesford used to call "the sacred cause of illiteracy" – how about Majorca?

This, pronounced "Madjorca", is the English name of the Balearic island spelt Mallorca and pronounced (by Spaniards) "Mayorca". But as I am constantly hearing English-speaking people saying "Mayorca" but never "Madjorca", I suspect that at least some of these people are really showing off their "knowledge" that a Spaniard, confronted with the spelling "Majorca", would naturally pronounce it "Mayorca". But he wouldn't, would he? He would pronounce it "Mahorca".

In the even more sacred cause of literacy, can something be done about this? Perhaps BBC and IBA could be encouraged to tell their newsreaders and anchorpersons that M-a-j-o-r-c-a spells *Majorca?*

Yours faithfully,
CORK & ORRERY,
Flint House, Heyshott,
Midhurst, Sussex.
August 8.

From Mr D. P. Morland

Sir, Lord Broxbourne's story (August 9) of Mr Gladstone addressing an audience in Athens, reminds me of a story of my father's. He spoke fluent Japanese and one day gave a lift to two Japanese hitchhikers in Yorkshire. They all conversed happily in Japanese and when my father dropped them off, one said to the other (in Japanese): "I never knew I spoke English so well".

Yours faithfully,
D. P. MORLAND,
138a Queensway, W2.
August 9.

SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

Lord Colnbrook, 66; Dame Frances Clode, former chairman, WRVS, 85; Air Marshal Sir Maurice Heath, 79; Lord Heycock, 83; General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, 67; Sir Anthony Jolliffe, former Lord Mayor of London, 50; Mr Norris McWhirter, founder editor, *Guinness Book of Records*, 63; Sir Robin Nicholson, metallurgist, 54; Baroness Phillips, 78; Lord Renton, QC, 80; Mr Peter West, 68.

Today's royal engagement

The Duke of York will attend the press preview at the Hyde Park Hotel at 11.00 for the unveiling of a new set of Royal Mail high value stamps based on his own photographs of famous British castles.

Baron Butterfield

The Queen has conferred the dignityofa Barony of the United Kingdom for life upon Sir William Hohn Highes Butterfield by the name style and title of Baron Butterfield, of Stechford in the County of West Midlands.

Barbers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Barbers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr John Harry Scrutton; Upper Warden, Mr John Charles Smethers; Middle Warden, Mr Alan William Frederick Lettin; Renter Warden, Mr William Willatt Slack; Deputy Master, Mr John Anthony Hart Bootes.

Service dinner

RAF St Athan

Viscount Tonypandy and Mrs Susan Williams, Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, were the guests of honour at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at RAF St Athan. Squadron Leader G W Davies presided. Air Commodore D R French, Station Commander, and Mrs French attended.

Bread reassurance

The National Farmers' Union has rejected suggestions that the price of bread would be forced up by rising world grain prices. In spite of the drought in the United States, and the wet July in this country, the anticipated size and quality of this year's harvest indicated no reason for any rise.

Sudan appeal

Donations to the Sudan Emergency Appeal may be made free of charge at any UK post office from today by means of Transcash. A Transcash form should be completed, quoting the name of the appeal and account number FREEPAY 8800 and submitted at the counter with cash or cheque.

Latest estates

Mrs Florence Eleanor **Ballard**, of Brantwood Residential Rest Home for the Elderly, Congleton Road, Sandbach, Cheshire, late of 1 Cookesmere Lane, Sandbach, left estate valued at £172,836 net. She left her entire estate to the Cancer Research Campaign.

Dr Peter Edward **Hughesdon**, of Corringham Road, London NW11, left estate valued at £1,707,093 net.

Other estates, net before tax paid, include:

Mr John Eric **Todd**, of Kneesall, Newark, Notts.	£984,125.
Mrs Ethel Mabelle **Tummey**, of Maidenhead, Berks.	£495,989.
Geraldine Constance **Gosden**, of Worthing, West Sussex	£642,485.
Dorothy Mary **Steer**, of Salcombe, Devon	£643,680.
Miss Bridget Dorothy Wrench **Edleston**, of Chichester, West Sussex	£314,057.
Mrs Nancy Inez **Edwards** of Dorking, Surrey	£291,230.
Miss Winifred Mary **Evans** of Wallasey, Merseyside	£426,654.
Mrs Olive Helmsley **Fowler** of Northampton	£269,923.
Mr Francis William **Handscomb** of Luton, Beds	£285,625.
Mrs Sybil Mary **Hart** of Menston, West Yorks	£666,543.
Mr George Lloyd **Lewis** of South Kelsey, Lincs.	£679,895.
Mr Frederick Claude **Richards** of Berrynarbor, Devon	£320,463.
Mr Robert William Harrington **Smith** of Grittleton, Wilts	£340,802.
Mrs Elsie Laura **Wessley** of Burnham, Bucks	£302,708.
Mrs Amy **Barnard** of Virginia Water, Surrey	£336,881.
Mrs Elizabeth Dorothy **Cameron** of Addison Grove, London W4	£306,101.
Mr Michael Charles **Clarke** of Bednall, Staffs	£380,080.
Mr John Robert **Fox** of Curry Rivel, Somerset	£565,605.
Mr Maurice **Fox** of Sneyd Park, Bristol	£455,095.
Mrs Margaret Reith **Fraser** of Bushey Heath, Herts.	£307,764.
Mrs Sarah Elizabeth Hannah **Heap** of Watford, Herts	£388,307.
Julia Philomena **McKay** of West Temple, London SW14	£477,442.
Miss Marguerite Kathleen **Mellstrom** of Eastbourne Gardens, London SW14,	£376,905.
Mr Kenneth Leslie **Pearce** of Wolverhampton, West Midlands	£346,076.
Louise May **Scott** of Folkestone, Kent	£908,010.
Mr George **Sellick** of Setley, Brockenhurst, Hants, intestate	£530,792.
Mr Henry John Marston **Spurrier** of Wick St. Lawrence, Weston super Mare, Avon,	£631,388.
Mrs Margaret Dorothy **Thomas** of Middleton, Warwickshire	£310,857.
Mrs Margaretta Phillips **Ward** of Lydart, Gwent	£302,933.
Mrs Helena **Atkins** of Tonbridge, Kent	£552,549.
Mrs Ruby Ellen Louise **Bowen** of Ferndown, Dorset.	£393,124.
Mr Bertram Cyril **Burton** of Canford Cliffs, Dorset	£257,286.
Mr Thomas Vangh Lee **Crichlow** of Wimpole Street, London W1	£306,875.
Mr John Mortimer **Crowther** of Long Preston, North Yorks	£609,736.
Mr Alan Frank **Hutchen** of West Horsley, Surrey	£253,840.

Archaeology

Getting to know the King's Men

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

The King's Men and the Whispering Knights have been mystifying travellers for centuries on the border between Oxfordshire and Warwickshire: now a detailed archaeological study has assigned them to their proper place in Britain's prehistory.

Known collectively as the Rollright Stones, the Knights and the King's Men are not prehistoric pop groups, but megalithic monuments, clusters of large stones set on a hilltop north of Chipping Norton.

First mentioned in a fourteenth century tract as "great stones, arranged as it were by the hand of man, but at what time or by what people is unknown", they were illustrated in Camden's *Britannia* as early as 1607.

In spite of this, they were not excavated until this decade, and Mr George Lambrick of the Oxford Archaeological Unit has now produced the definitive study of the stones, in a monograph from English Heritage.*

There are three groups, all illustrated by Camden and most subsequent antiquarian authors: the King's Men, a stone circle with more than 70 upright limestones, many eroded into weird shapes; the King Stone, a single upright a short distance away, now across the modern road; and the Whispering Knights, a cluster of five stones identified as a "portal dolmen", a type of stone-chambered tomb. It probably stood under a cairn, of which Mr Lambrick has found traces, some of the stones of which are now missing.

The fields around the stones were intensively surveyed, using geophysical survey as well as simple fieldwalking, and an enclosed Iron Age settlement as well as artefacts ranging from the Mesolithic to the Anglo-Saxon period discovered: the neolithic and bronze age period between 3500 and 1500 BC when the three stone monuments were set up was by no means the only era of prosperity on the rich sheep grazing lands of the south Cotswolds.

The King's Men are about 4,500 years old, and were originally a continuous circular wall of stones with a narrow entrance, marked by two portal stones. The tallest stone stood opposite the entry, and stone circles of this type are found in Cumbria and around the Irish Sea. Restoration and re-erection of fallen stones over the centuries had disguised the original plan.

The single King Stone remains an enigma, although Mr Lambrick tentatively identifies it as a cemetery marker because Bronze Age barrows and cremations have been found nearby, and no other satisfactory answer has emerged from the excavations. It was apparently erected around 1700BC, and is the youngest of the monuments.

In spite of suggestions that it was of exotic material, a petrographic examination of the stone suggests that it is local oolitic limestone, brought from the bottom of the hill.

The Whispering Knights burial chamber is dated to about 3500BC, and Middle Neolithic pottery of this date has been found around it. It once had a capstone, now fallen, and Mr Lambrick suggests that the stone formed into a ramp for dragging the capstone into position on top of the upright slabs could then have been spread to form the cairn around the tomb chamber.

He has calculated the labour necessary for building the tomb, and with the aid of rollers and sheerlegs to move the stones estimates that a crew of 67 men could have done the job in under two weeks.

The smaller stones of the circle could have been set up by a smaller labour force, but in any case the size of community needed to provide the manpower and support necessary for raising the Rollright Stones was not very large. If 20 per cent of the community could dhave been mobilized, he suggests, then the local village would not have needed to hold much over 300 people, and could have been smaller.

****The Rollright Stones*, George Lambrick (English Heritage, £16.00).**

Listening to the trees

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Horticulturists and fruit growers should soon be listening to the "cries" from the plants and trees in their greenhouses and orchards, telling them it is time to water their crops. The sounds that come from plants under stress from drought have been studied by Dr Hamlyn Jones of the AFRC Institute of Horticultural Research, at Wellesbourne, in Warwick. Dr Jones is seen here with his listening device.

Because the human ear cannot pick up the tell-tale sound of plant stress, the plants are monitored by ultrasonic detectors. No sound emanates from a satisfied plant or tree. But when it has difficulty sucking water from the ground, the listening device begins to pick up signals that are translated into a series of clicks.

In practice, the detector is measuring the equivalent of the noise that occurs with the sudden snapping of a twig. In the plant, each snap is da sudden fracture that occurs as the plant draws water.

Law Report August 12 1988 Court of Appeal

Damages over infringing market

Stoke-on-Trent City Council v W & J Wass Ltd

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment July 29]

Where a local authority operated a statutory market and a rival operator held a market which infringed the local authority's rights, the local authority was entitled to nominal damages only in respect of the period before the grant of an injunction unless it could prove substantial loss flowing from the operation of the rival market.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by the defendants, W & J Wass Ltd, from a decision of Mr Justice Peter Gibson, who on March 26, 1987 had awarded the plaintiffs, Stoke-on-Trent City Council, damages to be assessed in an amount equivalent to the sum which it would have been appropriate for the plaintiffs to require as a fee for licensing a market held by the defendants at Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

Mr Terence Cullen, QC and Miss Barbara Hewson for the defendants; Mr Robert Reid, QC and Mr Robin Campbell for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the levying of an unlawful same-day market within 6⅔ miles of a franchise or statutory market was actionable at the suit of the market owner without proof of loss.

At trial he would usually be awarded a permanent injunction and nominal damages. Where an interlocutory injunction had been running before trial, no further question of damages would usually arise.

In respect of any period where no injunction was in force substantial damages would be recoverable if loss could be proved. But where there had been no loss, was the market owner kept to his nominal damages or could he recover substantial damages on the footing that if his leave and licence had been sought he could have required a fee to be paid?

In November 1982 the defendants started to operate a Thursday market at Alderley Green, Longton. From February 13, 1986 the market had been held at a new site slightly to the north-west of the original. The defendants were currently operating the market on Tuesdays.

On April 12, 1984 the plaintiffs had opened their own market in Fenton. They had continued to hold it there ever since.

On March 4, 1986 the writ was issued. The plaintiffs alleged that the defendants were infringing their right to operate their market at Fenton on Thursdays.

They claimed an injunction and general damages. The plaintiffs' application for an interlocutory injunction had been dismissed.

The sole subject matter of the appeal was the judge's award of damages for the period extending between the commencement of hte plaintiffs' Fenton market and his grant of a permanent injunction at the trial.

The judge's observations had been treated by both sides as a finding that no loss had been caused to the plaintiffs' Fenton market and no appeal had been brought against that finding.

The judge had gone on to hold that the plaintiffs were nevertheless entitled to an award of damages on the basis of what would have been an appropriate fee for the plaintiffs to require for a licence to the defendants to operate their market between April 1984 and the date of his order.

Mr Cullen recognized that the plaintiffs' right of action did not depend on proof of loss to their Fenton market. He accepted that they were entitled to nominal damages. But he submitted that the finding that no actual damage had been caused precluded the court from awarding substantial damages on top.

The levying of an unlawful rival market was a tort. Whether it was a nuisance or a trespass was probably not a question of importance. The better view had to be that it was a nuisance.

The general rule was that a successful plaintiff in an action in tort recovered damages equivalent to the loss which he had suffered, no more and no less.

A second general rule was that where a plaintiff had suffered loss to his property or some proprietary right he recovered damages equivalent to the diminution in value of the property or right. The authorities established that both rules were subject to exceptions.

The first and best established exception was in trespass to land. It had originated in the wayleave cases. The principle of those cases had been applied in *Whitwham v Westminster Brymbow Coal & Coke Co* ([1896] 2 Ch 538).

That decision had been applied by the Court of Appeal in *Swordheath Properties Ltd v Tabet* ([1979] 1 WLR 285). With the partial exception of *Whitwham's* case all the cases were cases where the plaintiff had suffered no loss.

The second exception was in detinue. In *Strand Electric Engineering Co Ltd v Brisford Entertainments Ltd* ([1952] 2 QB 246) the majority judgments assumed that the plaintiffs had suffered loss.

The third exception was in infringement of patents. In all such cases the plaintiff was readily assumed proved or assumed to have suffered loss. They could not, therefore, be regarded, like the trespass cases, as cases where the plaintiff had suffered no loss.

To those exceptions to the general rules in tort had to be added the decision in *Wrotham Park Estate Co Ltd v Parkside Homes Ltd* ([1974] 1 WLR 798).

The broad effect of the authorities was that in cases of trespass to land and patent infringement and in some cases of detinue and nuisance, the court would award damages in accordance with what Lord Justice Nicholls had aptly termed "the user principle".

On an analogous principle, in a case where there was a breach of a restrictive covenant the court had, in lieu of a permanent mandatory injunction to restore the breach, awarded damages equivalent to the sum which the plaintiffs might reasonably have demanded for a relaxation of the covenant.

It was only in the last-mentioned case and in the trespass cases that damages had been awarded in accordance with either principle without proof of loss to the plaintiff.

In all other cases the question had not been whether substantial damages should be awarded at all, but whether they should be assessed in accordance with the user principle or by reference to the diminution in value of the property or right. In other words, the cases were exceptions to the second, but not to the first, of the general principles stated above.

The *Wrotham* decision stood very much on its own. It stood a long way from the present problem and did not assist in its solution. On a superficial view the trespass cases presented a greater difficulty. In trespass the defendant made an unlawful use of the plaintiff's land.

Similarly it could be said that in levying an unlawful rival market the defendant made an unlawful use of the plaintiff's right to hold his own market. Ought it to make all the difference that in the first case the unlawful use was a physical one?

That was a formidable line of argument, but it was unsound. If the wayleave cases were put on one side the trespass cases really depended on the fact that the defendant's use of the plaintiff's land deprived the plaintiff of any opportunity of using it himself. The same could be said of an unlawful detention of the plaintiff's chattel.

On the other hanad, an unlawful use of the plaintiff's right to hold his own market did not deprive him of the opportunity of holding one himself. Such had been the state of affairs in the present case.

If the plaintiff could show that hea had suffered loss, nobody would suggest that he ought not to receive substantial damages. But why should he receive them when he had been able to hold his own market and had suffered no loss from the defendant's?

In a process of development of the common law it was sometimes necessary to stand back from the authorities and ask not simply where they had come to, but where, if a further extension was made, they might go next.

Although there might be a logical difficulty in making a distinction between the present case and the wayleave cases, if the user principle were to be applied there would be an equal difficulty in distinguishing other cases of a more common occurrence, particularly in nuisance.

The user principle ought not to be applied to the infringement of a right to hold a market where no loss had been suffered by the market owner.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS, agreeing, said that it was an established principle that a person who had wrongfully used another's property without causing the latter any pecuniary loss might still be liable to the other for more than nominal damages. In general he was liable to pay a reasonable sum for the wrongful use he had made of the other's property.

What was in issue was a novel application of that principle ("the user principle").

The application of the principle in the case of the disturbance of a market right would not accord with the basic principles applicable to that cause of action.

The protection afforded to the owner of a market right was limited to protecting him against being disturbed in the enjoyment of his right.

Lord Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Parke Nelson for Bishops, Stoke-on-Trent; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr S. W. Titchener, Stoke-on-Trent.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.A.S. Adams
and Lady Celia Fortescue

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Dr and Mrs M.S. Adams, of Seaview, Isle of Wight, and Celia, daughter of the Earl Fortescue and the late Viscountess Ebrington, of Swinbrook, Oxfordshire.

Mr C.J.G. Abbott
and Miss K.H.H. Kendall

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Dan Abbott, of Leeches, Henfield, West Sussex, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr John and Professor Marion Kendall, of Pitle Hall, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Mr J.L.G. Canessa
and Miss J.E. Snelling

The engagement is announced between John Louis George, only son of Mr and Mrs Louis Canessa, of Gibraltar, and Joanna Elizabeth, younger daughter of Dr Richard Snelling, of Deal, Kent, and Mrs Meriel Steer, of Fulham, London.

Mr R.R.W. Goodwin
and Miss H. Pollak

The engagement is announced between Ralph Robert William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Wyndham Goodwin, of Heretaunga, Wellington, New Zealand, and Harriet, youngest daughter of Mr Robert Pollak, of Furley, near Axminster, East Devon, and Mrs Anne Pollak, of Sellack, Herefordshire.

Mr R. Harker
and Miss M. Chatterjee

The marriage will take place on August 13, 1988, at the Church of St Thomas More, Hartlepool, Cleveland, of Robin, son of Mrs Norma Harker and the late Phillip Harker, to Mimi, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.K. Chatterjee.

Lieutenant T.P. Haycock, RN
and Miss C.M. Heazell

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs A.S. Haycock, of 15 Paxhill Lane, Twyning, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, and Camilla, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.P. Heazell, of 2 Buckland Crescent, London, NW3.

Mr M. Helliwell
and Miss D.F. John

The engagement is announced from Sydney, Australia, between Michael, younger son of Mrs Emily Helliwell and the late Mr Max Helliwell, of Sydney, Australia, and Dawn Frances, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis John, of Westminster, London.

Mr P.S.Ll. James
and Miss K.I. Towler

The engagement is announced between Peter Stuart Llewellyn, youngest son of Mr and Mrs I.L.S. James, of Caswell Bay, West Glamorgan, and Katherine Isabel, Daughter of Mr D.G.W. Towler and stepdaughter of Mrs D.G.W. Towler, of Great Ayton, North Yorkshire.

Mr P.T. James
and Miss C.H. Hunter

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs N.T. James, of Langstone, Gwent, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hunter, of Chichester House, Ditchling, Sussex.

Mr D.J. MacGinty
and Miss S.C. McNeil

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian MacGinty, of Pinkneys Green, Berkshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr Don McNeil, of Swaffham Prior, Cambridgeshire, and Mrs Alan Wickens, of Idridgehay, Derbyshire.

Mr G.K. Monsen
and Miss U.J. Ploder

The engagement is announced between Kristian, elder son of Mr M. Monson and Mrs L. Monsen, of Tananger, Norway, and Julie, only daughter of Mrs K. Ploder, of Windermere, Cumbria.

Mr T.M. O'Leary
and Miss N. Reynolds

The engagement is announced between Timothy Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Terence O'Leary, of Leighton Buzzard, Buckinghamshire, and Naomi, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Reynolds, of Headington, Oxford.

Mr G.J.C. Patrick
and Miss S.L. Metzner

The engagement is announced between Granby, son of Mr Richard Patrick, of London, and Mrs Priscilla Carluccio, of London, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Metzner, of Kingston Upon Thames.

Mr N.J.R. Richards
and Miss P.L.V. Hands

The engagement is announced between Nigel John Rymer, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.A.R. Richards, of Cheam, Surrey, and Philippa Louisa Vivien, only daughter of Dr and Mrs A.H. Hands, of Birkdale, Southport.

Dr N.D. Rossiter, RAMC
and Miss S. Tuff

The engagement is announced between Nigel Daniel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Rossiter, of Arkley, Hertfordshire, and Sally, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Sidney Tuff, of Chiswick, London.

Mr J.D. Schroder
and Miss A.M. Taverner

The engagement is announced between Dag, son of the late Mr Jan Schroder, of Holmestrand, Norway, and Mrs Jane Selden, of Lancaster, and Antonia, daughter of Mr Iain Taverner, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Mrs Jacqueline Taverner, of Ledbury, Herefordshire.

Herr J.B. Schulze
and Miss M.L. Bevan

The engagement is announced between Johann Bernd, only son of Herr and Frau Schulze, of Wietzetze, Federal Republic of Germany, and Mary Louise, only daughter of Mr R. Bevan and Mrs C.J. Bevan, of Plas Newydd, Flint, North Wales.

Mr J.K. Tidswell
and Miss S.F. Soden

The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, son of the late Mr J. Tidswell and Mrs Tidswell, of Adelaide, Australia, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Soden, of Talybont, Dyfed.

Mr J.B. Wareing
and Miss E.L. Hope

The engagement is announced between Jon, son of Mr and Mrs Harold Wareing, of Grotton, Oldham, and Emma Louise, daughter of the late Mr A.H.P. Hope and of Mrs Henry Arnell, of Herstmonceux, Sussex.

Marriages

Mr A.H. Craig
and Miss V. Weidler

The marriage took place on Thursday, August 11, in Lucerne, Switzerland, of Mr Andrew Craig, son of the late Mr Morris Craig and of Mrs Brenda Craig, of Totteridge, London, and Miss Virginia Weidler, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Weidler, of Long Island, New York.

Mr M.A. John
and Miss M.E. Sauvé

The marriage took place on July 16, 1988, at St Basil's Church, Ottawa, Canada, between Mr Mark Ashley John, only son of Mr and Mrs Dennis John, of Caxton Street, Westminster, and Miss Margot Ellen Sauvé, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leo Sauvé, of Ottawa. Father Kevin officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Kate Lynch, Allyson Young and Jeffrey Young.

A reception was held at Symmes Hotel, Quebec.

Mr P.M. Jones
and Miss V.R. Weller

The marriage took place on August 6, at All Saints Church, Bisham, Berkshire, between Mr Michel Jones, son of Dr and Mrs Derrek Jones, of Putney, London, and Miss Veronica Weller, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Weller, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Anniversaries

Births: Thomas Bewick, engraver, Newcastle, 1753; George IV, reigned 1820-30, London, 1762; Robert Southey, Bristol, 1774; Francis Horner, politician, Edinburgh, 1778; Cecil B de Mille, film producer, Ashfield, Massachusetts, 1881; Erwin Schrödinger, physicist, Nobel laureate 1933, Vienna, 1887.

Deaths: Nahum Tate, Poet Laureate 1692-1715, London, 1715; Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, statesman, committed suicide, North Cray Place, Kent, 1822; William Blake, London, 1827; George Stephenson, builder of the Rocket, Tapton, Derbyshire, 1848; Sir William Jackson Hooker, Director of the Royal Botanical Gardens 1841-65, London, 1865; James Lowell, poet and diplomat, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1891; Adolf Erik Nordenskjöld, Arctic explorer and geologist, Dalbyö, Sweden, 1901; Arthur Griffith, president of Sinn Fein 1910-17, Dublin, 1922; Leoš Janáček, composer, Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, 1928; Thomas Mann, novelist, Nobel laureate 1929, Zurich, 1955; Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond, Canterbury, 1964.

OBITUARY

DR ARNULFO ARIAS

Three times President of Panama

Dr Arnulfo Arias Madrid, the Panamanian leader who battled in his country's often turbulent politics for four decades, died on August 10 in Miami at the age of 86.

He was President of the isthmus nation three times, in 1940, 1948, and 1968 but each time he was ousted by the Panamanian police or military who never let him finish an elected term and who usually accused him of seeking to become a dictator.

He was for long the epitome of the Latin American populist leader with a stock in trade of simplistic nationalism and it was Arias who first popularized the slogan "Panama for the Panamanians". Yet when he was deposed for the last time by followers of General Omar Torrijos in October, 1968, it proved the soldiers who were eventually to succeed in obtaining from the Carter Administration the Panama Canal Treaty, tackling the underlying dispute over sovereignty with the Americans.

Arias, a rich coffee planter and landowner who had trained as a doctor in the United States, was the uncle of Dr Roberto Arias, the husband of Dame Margot Fonteyn and the son of another former Panamanian President.

During his career in politics, which began in 1931, when he helped his brother secure the presidency, to 1984 when he last fought as presidential candidate only losing by a mere, and hotly disputed, 1,700 votes, Arias had been shot at, jailed, deposed, exiled and deprived of his citizenship yet always he managed to fight back. He passed a total of 15 years in exile, 11 of them in Miami.

Arias was an old-style Latin American politician in the sense that the successive political formations he led were without ideology, except for their vague nationalism, and they bore catch-all labels such as the True Nationalist Revolutionary Party or the Democratic Opposition Alliance.

Yet because of his almost magical hold over the Pananamian masses he was able especially latterly to lead a genuinely popular party. In the 1968 presidential contest he obtained the biggest majority in Panama's history. But within 11 days of taking office he was deposed by the National Guard.

Before the Second World War Arias served as Panama's ambassador in Britain and France, but it was his two years in Mussolini's Rome which impressed him most. He developed Fascist sympathies and this was to lead to his first ousting as Panama's President in a bloodless coup, backed by the United States, in October 1941.

The Battle of the Atlantic was at its height with American "Lend-Lease" shipments vital to Britain. Arias refused Washington's plan to arm the Panamanian ships bringing weapons to this country. Raymond Gram Swing, the famous American wartime commentator, described Arias' stance at the time as "an act of direct aid to Hitler." Arias was banished by the new pro-Allied regime and went off to Colombia till the end of the war.

In 1951 Arias was overthrown for the second time after a four-hour gun battle in the presidential palace with his opponents accusing him of refusing to accept a Supreme Court ruling.

When he came to fight again for the presidency in 1968 Arias promised his followers a programme of "national reconstruction" but it was essentially his personal appeal as a leader who was himself an underdog, never having been allowed to complete his elected terms, which probably counted for most.

Authoritarian in his personal relations, Arias was again the favourite to win in May 1984 and bitterly opposed by the military junta, calling Panama's first elections in 16 years.

Arias had promised he would "clean up" the National Guard after their years of untrammelled power and they saw to it that he lost.

Since last autumn Arias had watched from Miami the United States getting into ever deeper difficulties with General Noriega, Torrijos' successor and head of Panama's Defence Force.

SIR WILLIAM KININMONTH

Sir William Kininmonth, who died on August 8 at the age of 83, was an architect whose best work was firmly rooted in the Scottish tradition and a past President of the Royal Scottish Academy.

After studying at the School of Architecture in Edinburgh and the Slade in London, he worked in the offices of Sir Rowand Anderson of Edinburgh and later Sir Edwin Lutyens in London, where he helped on the Government House project at New Delhi.

Subsequently, he found a fruitful and significant alliance with Basil Spence.

The architecture of these two close colleagues, and friends, was characterised by its freshness and acumen.

Traditional materials were their hallmark and the buildings' seemingly simple planning was to influence a generation of architects.

After service in the Second World War as a captain in the Royal Engineers, Kininmonth resumed his practice.

The partnership with Spence was dissolved and Kininmonth remained in Scotland where his practice prospered.

Renfrew Airport and Naval Air Station, Edinburgh Dental Hospital, housing, churches, university and civic buildings came in rapid succession, some gaining Civic Trust and Saltire Awards of Merit.

In 1955 he was appointed as adviser to the City of Edinburgh for the development of Princes Street, following the plan of Sir Patrick Abercrombie.

Kininmonth was commissioned to design a new Edinburgh Festival Opera House, but the hoped-for consummation of Kininmonth's career remained only on paper.

He married Caroline Sutherland, the artist, in 1934. She died in 1978. He is survived by a daughter.

MR MANUEL KULUKUNDIS

Mr Manuel Kulukundis, who died in New York on August 9 at the age of 89, was regarded as an elder statesman among Greek shipowners.

He had been for many years President of the New York Greek Shipowners' Association.

Kulukundis's experience of the slump in world shipping freight in the mid-1930s sharpened his ability to detect subsequent symptoms of impending trouble.

When, in the 1950s, an increasing amount of tonnage was being laid up because of a combination of new ship building and a lessening demand for freight carrying, he played an international role in attempts to put tramp shipping in a healthier worldwide situation.

Born in Greece, he joined his father's London shipping office as a young man in 1920 and was to spend his entire career in the shipping business.

Kulukundis was involved in running the family's widespread shipping interests along with his four brothers, his first cousin, Basil Mavroleon - whom, in a close family, they regarded as a sixth brother - and other younger members of the family.

Mr Eddie Kulukundis, the theatrical producer, who is married to Miss Susan Hampshire, the actress, is one of his nephews.

MR FERNAU HALL

Mr Fernau Hall, who from 1969 until recently was dance critic of the *Daily Telegraph*, died on August 9 at the age of 73.

Born in Victoria, British Columbia, he had settled in Britain in the mid 1930s. An enthusiast for dance, he studied with several teachers and appeared with various companies.

He also acted as stage manager for some groups, especially of ethnic dancers, and had a wide expertise in different national styles of dancing.

He began writing for *The Dancing Times* in 1937 and became chief critic of the magazine *Ballet Today* from 1958 until 1970. Shortly before that paper collapsed he was appointed to the *Telegraph* post.

MME ANNE-M. CAZALIS

Mme Anne-Marie Cazalis, the French poet and journalist, has died at the age of 65. She was one of the intellectuals who helped put the Left Bank back on the literary map of France after the liberation.

A friend of Boris Vian, Juliette Greco and Jean-Paul Sartre, she was a contributor to the many magazines mushrooming in the late 1940s.

She had been born in Algeria.

She was widely credited with French literature's — possibly apocryphal — famous telegram, sent on the day that André Gide died and addressed to his fellow Roman Catholic François Mauriac.

It ran thus:

"Hell does not exist. You can indulge in debauchery. Inform Claudel. Gide."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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O give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
Psalm 136.1

BIRTHS

ADAMS - On August 9th, to Sarah (née Craw) and Peter, a daughter Elizabeth Kathleen, a sister for Christopher.

BAYLISS - On August 8th, at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, to Elizabeth (née Bullock) and Jonathan, a daughter, Katherine Alice.

BLACKETT-ORD - On August 8th, to Sarah (née Rendell) and John, a daughter, Rose Elisabeth.

BOTTING - On Tuesday July 12th, to Marcelle (née Vassallo) and Daniel, a daughter, Charlotte Louise.

BOWLBY - On July 27th, to Rosalind (née Bell) and Nicholas, a son, William George Salvin.

BROCKLEHURST - On August 5th 1988, to Hilary and Gordon of Cheston Lodge, North Ferriby, a son, Aidan Francis.

BUCHAN - On August 9th, to Amanda and Toby, a son Christopher.

CARFRAE - On August 9th, at the West London Hospital, to Jane (née Gillam) and Martin, a wonderful daughter, Naomi Elizabeth.

CROOK - On August 9th, at Gloucester Royal, to Alison and Philip, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth. Grateful thanks to all staff.

DIVERS - On July 25th, at RAF Hospital Wegberg BFPO40, to Lesley and Anthony, a son, Nicholas John Hamilton, a brother for Andrew and Alastair.

EDMOND - On July 23rd, at Leeds, to Mary (née Smith) and Eric, a son, Mark Ralph Drake.

GHANDHI - On August 9th, at the Royal Berks Hospital, to Jennifer (née James) and Sandy, a son Mark Alexander Rustom, a brother for Laura.

GILBERT - On August 2nd 1988, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Ann (née Rees) and Kevin, a son, Alexander St. John William.

GREEN - On August 10th in New York, USA, to D'Arcy (née Rohan) and Peter, a daughter, Anna Mae.

HATCHMAN - On August 9th, to Margaret and Andrew, a daughter, Aimee Louise.

HATHWAY - On August 6th, to Karen (née Dudley) and Richard, a son Philip Richard, a brother to Mary, Peter and Hester.

HEALY - On August 11th, to Sharon and Jim, a daughter, Francesca, a sister for Sinéad and Daniel.

IGGLESDEN - On August 11th, at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, to Sylvia (née Marrin) and Charles, a son, Michael Charles Marrin.

JONES On August 8th 1988, to Ilse (née Lewis) and Roderick, a daughter Alice Elizabeth.

MACDONALD WATSON - On August 9th, to Mary and Ian, a son, James Alexander, half brother for Simon.

MORGAN - On July 30th 1988, to Sarah (née Godden) and Simon, a daughter, Cordelia Annabelle Rhiannon.

OGILVIE - On August 10th 1988, in Abu Dhabi to Natasha and Adam, a son Alexander Drummond.

PETSCHI - On August 5th 1988, to Marion (née MacDonald) and Alexander, a son, Christiaan Simon Johannes.

PINCHING - On August 4th 1988, to Katherine (née Sloper) and Anthony, a son, Richard John Fedde.

QUEST - On August 7th, to Sarah (née Newsome) and Peter, a daughter, Claire Louise.

ROYALL - On August 11th, at Samitivej Hospital, Bangkok to Penny (née Allan) and Sven, a daughter, Katherine Mary.

SMALLMAN - On August 9th to Helen and Godfrey, a daughter Georgina Louise.

STAPLETON - On August 10th, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford to Johanna (née Molhoek) and Nigel, a son Henry James.

THOMSON - On June 14th at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Alice (née Park) and Jonathan, a daughter India Hannah Lily, a sister for Nathaniel.

WARDER - On July 23rd 1988, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, to Rosalind (née Amies) and David, a beautiful daughter, a sister for Alexandra.

MARRIAGES

READ:BARON - On Saturday August 6th 1988, in Winchester College Chapel, Jonathon, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John Read, to Clare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Baron.

STRUDWICK:ASHDOWN - On August 6th 1988, Susanna Jane, youngest daughter of Mrs. C.A.R. Ashdown and the late Mr. C.A.R. Ashdown to Timothy Mark Strudwick, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Strudwick.

DEATHS

BAMPTON - On July 24th, suddenly, Ronald Harry, of Victoria Park Square, London, E2. Thanksgiving Service at All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street, London, EC3 on Wednesday 17th August at 2.30pm, followed by cremation at The City of London Crematorium. Flowers to the church.

BAYFIELD - On August 6th, suddenly at home, Denis, most beloved husband, father and grandfather. His family thanks all friends and acquaintances for their expressions of sympathy.

BROOK - On August 9th 1988, Leslie Norman, former Naval Officer and later Civil Servant. Deeply loved husband of Patricia (née Gledhill) and father of John.

CLIFFORD - On August 10th 1988, Mary Wilkie (née Buntin), wife of H. Dalton "Tony" Clifford. Funeral service on Monday August 15th at St. Mary's Church, Penzance at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be sent to Alfred Smith & Son Funeral Directors, Penzance, for The Rheumatoid Arthritis Association.

GARNER - On August 10th, peacefully at home, Robert Percy, dearly beloved husband of the late Renée and father of Carole, William and Russell. Funeral service on Tuesday 16th August at 12.00 noon at the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire. Arrangements by Pym and Sons, 65 Moorbridge Road, Maidenhead.

GIBSON - On August 9th, Hugh Ian of Britford, Salisbury. Adored husband of Sheila and dearly loved father of Jane, Jeremy, Lucinda and Matthew, uncle and grandfather. Funeral service at Salisbury Crematorium on Monday August 15th at 1.30pm. Family only. Enquiries and flowers to D.K. Shergold F.D., Salisbury (0722) 28966.

GRAHAM - On August 10th, peacefully at Ambleside Nursing Home, Kathleen Ada (nee Hammersley Heenan) aged 88. Funeral at Chiltern Crematorium at 12.00 noon Friday 19th August.

HERBERT - On August 10th, peacefully at home, Dr. Joyce Mary Griffith aged 78 years, wife of the late Professor Walter Herbert. Much loved mother of Margaret and Paul and a dear Granny. Funeral at St. Luke's Church, Grayshott, Wednesday 17th August at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations to The National Children's Home.

HOUGHTON - On August 11th, peacefully in Musgrove Hospital, Taunton, Daphne, aged 84 and wife of Wynn. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Nether Stowey, Somerset on Wednesday August 17th at 2.30pm. Flowers or donations to The Red Cross.

KULUKUNDIS - On August 9th, at his home in Southampton, Long Island, aged 89, Manuel E Kulukundis. He is survived by his loving wife Calliope and sons Michael and George, daughter-in-law Tara and grandchildren Eric, Cassandra, Manou and Christopher. Also surviving are brothers Nicholas and Michael. The funeral will take place at the Greek Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New York, on Friday August 12th at 12 noon. The family would appreciate donations to be sent to the Greek Orthodox Charity Organization, 1 Palace Green, London W8.

MACDONALD - On August 10th 1988, peacefully in hospital after a long illness bourne with tremendous courage, Irmgard (Irma) Martha Frieda. Very much loved wife of Angus, mother of John, grandmother of Julie and Nicola. Funeral at Woodside Cemetery, Benfleet at 2pm Thursday August 18th. Flowers may be sent to A W. Alden and Son., 101 London Road, Great Tarpots, Benfleet, Essex.

MACNAMARA - On August 9th, at Kenfield House Nursing home Petham. Peacefully after a long illness Molly beloved sister of Teddy and Grandmother of Stephen and Miranda. Service at the Barham Crematorium Canterbury at 2.30 on Tuesday August 16th. Flowers to Lyons and Son, Military Road, Canterbury. Telephone 463508

MAYNEORD - On August 10th 1988, Professor W.V. Mayneord C.B.E., DSc, LLD, F.R.S., Emeritus Professor University of London, aged 86 years, most dearly loved husband of Audrey. Funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 1pm on Wednesday August 17th. No flowers please but donations if desired to the League of friends, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

NYKA - On August 8th, Sheila Scott (née Dalgleish) aged 76, of Farnham, formerly of Ballumore, widow of Doctor Walenty Nyka. Cremation at Woking Crematorium, St. Johns on Tuesday August 16th at 3pm. Donations if desired to the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham.

RINTOUL - On August 10th, at Amesbury Abbey, John Vere O.B.E. aged 76. Late Sudan Finance Department and of Milton Lilbourne, Wiltshire. Private cremation, service of Thanksgiving later.

RITTNER On August 10th 1988, aged 77 Molly Rittner MBE, sister of the late Stephen and Tom Rittner, much loved Aunt, Great Aunt and Great Great Aunt and dear friend of Elsie Jackson. Cremation private. Requiem mass on 6th September at 11.30am at St Anthony's Catholic Church, Cross Path, Radlett, Hertfordshire. Requiescat in pace.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

MORBY - Remembering our dear Dad and Grandad. We think of you in silence Dad, we make no outward show, just how much we love you no-one will ever know. Always Freda, Daniella and Lucia.

MORBY - Fred. Remembered daily with deepest love. Maisie and all the family.

SABINE - (Formerly Rice). Rachel our darling mother remembered today more than ever on what should have been your 70th birthday. You never leave us Nigel, Amanda and Nicky.

TREMAIN - Kenneth William. "The glorious twelfth, 1984, and hanging on to my sense of humour. Missing you dreadfully, all my love, Grace."

WATERFIELD - In loving memory of a dear husband Vivian and many thanks for so much. From his wife Gwen.

Paddington Basin rebirth

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

The largest single development in the West End of London since the war was announced yesterday when the British Waterways Board and Trafalgar House Property unveiled plans for a 1 million square feet of building at Paddington Basin, half a mile from Marble Arch.

The 13-acre site, bounded by the A40 (M) Westway, Edgware Road and St Mary's Hospital, was the subject of a planning permission granted by Westminster City Council last year for almost half a million square feet of residential space, plus offices, retail, industrial and recreational space. The development value would be £350 million.

But Mr David Ingman, chairman of the board, admitted to *The Times* that the proportion of office space is likely to increase dramatically before the plans are finalised with the council, which would also substantially increase its value. Completion of the scheme is expected by 1993.

Paddington Station, immediately west of the site, is to have a high speed rail link with Heathrow Airport which will also add an international dimension to the proposals.

Trafalgar House Property was announced as the successful joint developer with the board after three possible partners were listed from 20 which expressed an interest.

Paddington Basin opened in 1803 as the London terminus of the Grand Union Canal is surrounded by run-down warehouses and depots. The area includes four acres of water.

Other developments by British Waterways, in London Docklands, Gloucester, Sheffield, Leeds, Birmingham and Glasgow are worth more than £800 million. The Paddington Basin plan, by architects Building Design Partnership, brings their value to more than £1 billion.

Mr Ingman declined to confirm reports that the joint developer had paid £60 million for the option on the site. He said the Treasury was very happy with the deal.

He said: "British Waterways are stewards to the nation for a 2,000 miles system of inland waterways, mostly between 150 and 200 years old and built at that time by private companies for the transport of freight. Now the waterways are re-emerging as a highly valuable amenity for the nation."

Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

Sovereign's Parade

General Sir Nigel Bagnall, Chief of the General Staff, represented The Queen at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on August 5.

The following have been granted commissions in the Regiments, Corps shown, having successfully completed Standard Military Course No 873:

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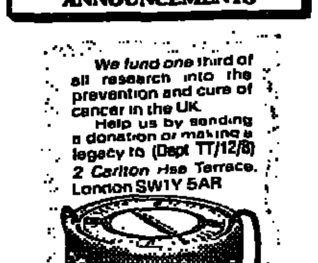

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INSPECTOR'S INVESTIGATION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 10(1) of the Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations 1983 that an Inspector's investigation under the said Regulations is taking place into the circumstances and causes of the accident that occurred on 13 July 1988 some 30 nm NE of Sumburgh to Sikorsky S61N G-BEID registered in the name of British International Helicopters.
Any persons who desire to make representations as to the circumstances or causes of the accident do so in writing to the Chief Inspector of Accidents, Air Accidents Investigation Branch, Department of Transport, Royal Aerospace Establishment, Farnborough, Hants GU14 6TD within 14 days of the date of this notice and should quote the reference EW/C1077.
Dated this day of 22 day of July 1988
T11 /29N/0900

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 001180 OF 1988
MR JUSTICE WARNER
MONDAY 20TH JUNE 1988
IN THE MATTER OF BOMBAY PALACE
RESTAURANT LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 20th June 1988 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £850,000 to £333,088 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 26th July 1988
Dated this 12th day of August 1988
MAGWELLS
Solicitors for the above named Company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Pursuant to Section 46 of the Insolvency Act 1986
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Registered in England, No 2000148. Joint Administrative Receiver: Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, and Terence John Roper, FIPA, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN. Date of appointment 22nd July 1988. By whom appointed: Norma Eleanor Genevieve Flack. The debenture holder. Date of mortgage debentures: 17th June 1988. Assets secured: The whole of the property of the company.

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LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr George Albert Auger, Certified Accountant of Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA was appointed *Liquidator of the above named company* following an Extraordinary General Meeting of the company on 29 July 1988.
Dated this 2 day of August 1988
G A AUGER - Liquidator
NOTE: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been or will be paid in full.

LUNARSCAPE LIMITED
HIGH COURT NO. 1553 OF 1988

I, William Morys Roberts, hereby give notice that on the 11th day of July 1988 I was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, are required on or before 9 September 1988 to send their names and addresses with particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to the undersigned William Morys Roberts of Ernst & Whinney, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU, the Liquidator of the Company, and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are, by their Solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 9th day of August 1988
W M Roberts - Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 003122 OF 1988
THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE
WARNER
MONDAY the 27th JUNE 1988
IN THE MATTER OF OCEONICS
GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1985

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Dated this 12th day of August 1988
Malarianes
10 Norwich Street
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Solicitors for the above named Company

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NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased persons whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

GORDON HARTLAND-GARRATT
deceased
PURSUANT to the Trustee Act
1925 section 27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of GORDON HARTLAND-GARRATT deceased, late of 1 Croyland Way, Crowland, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire who died on the 20th day of April, 1988 are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims or interest to PENNY & THORNE the undersigned as Solicitors to the Administratrix before the 28th day of October, 1988 And Notice is Hereby Given that at the expiration of that time the Administratrix will proceed to distribute the Estate of the said GORDON HARTLAND-GARRATT among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which she shall then have had notice; and that she will not as respects the property so distributed be liable to any person or persons of whose claim she shall not then have had notice.
Dated the 8th day of August, 1988.
Penny & Thorne
175 High Street
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Hertfordshire HP4 3HG
Solicitors to the Administratrix

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Women in charge of men

The most curious thing about *Eating Out With Tovey* (BBC2), the latest attempt at that most marketable recipe of dunking some eccentric cook in local television exposure until he wins a national advertising contract, was that there was almost no eating out and very little Tovey. Indeed, there was not much scoff at all. After about 20 minutes we had only been given a bowl of porridge.

Instead, we had very large helpings of "Loitering around with Lofthouse". Lofthouse was a rather ominously sane, slim, dark-haired, handsome woman who answered to the name of Marjorie and strode rather awkwardly out of shops as though the camera were an unseemingly voyeuristic vicar she was cutting dead. She did at least start off with Tovey, who was not slim, dark-haired, handsome, but he soon left to soak in something or do whatever cooks do these days when they are off camera.

Tovey and Lofthouse's comings and goings at first did not matter, because their departure left more room for the view, which happened to be one of the most beautiful in Britain, since BBC North West had had the good sense to let Marjorie's loitering be done in the Lake District. But, just when we thought we would be allowed to sit down and enjoy the landscape during a foodless feast (porridge apart), she came up with not only a man and his dog but sheep, and before you could say Phil Drabble the viewers' nightmare of all television turning into sheepdog demonstrations had come true.

When we did eventually get into the kitchen and Tovey prepared us a Cumberland cooked breakfast, the purpose of Marjorie became clear. She was his gastronomic minder. Keith Floyd may be freely allowed to slurp, slurp his indulgences direct to camera, but not John Tovey, who can only be seen to do so under the critical gaze of Marjorie.

Having only got as far as breakfast with Tovey, it seems she will have some gazing to do. His porridge came with a healthy dose of whisky and even followers of Floyd might have raised an eyebrow, not to say their porridge, when he doused his grapefruit cocktail with that well-known Cumberland sauce, crème de menthe.

If a week in politics is a long time, in sexual politics it can be an eternity, which is perhaps why for the first part of *Esther Interviews . . .* (BBC1), David Owen, with smirking relish, seemed less concerned with squashing the idea that he might become the forgotten man of British politics than with reminding us what a ladies' man he is (he likes them beautiful and vulnerable but strong). He certainly seemed at least to be Esther's sort of man, though she could teach him a thing or two about keeping power and being in the public eye.

Andrew Hislop

Max Bell meets three young Australians who are bringing back the golden age of the back-combed, beehived girl groups

Doo-lang, doo-lang, doo-lang

Kylie Minogue's presence at number two in the current pop chart with "The Loco-motion", originally a 1962 hit for the long-forgotten Little Eva, could be taken as a pale pre-echo of the arrival in London of the Fabulous Singlettes, fellow Australians whose hectic two-hour revue, *Stop in the Name of Love*, has been previewing to appreciative audiences at the Piccadilly Theatre this week.

Stop in the Name of Love is a gloriously tongue-in-cheek tribute to the legendary girl groups of the late Fifties and early Sixties; one which pays homage as much to the bouffant hair-dos and impossible stiletto heels of the era as to its musical gems. Judging by audience reactions from Wallangarra to the West End, this satire on a teen-dream culture strikes a pleasant nerve. Plenty of people, it seems, are quite prepared to chuckle at the collective memory of visible panty lines and back-seat education.

Naomi Eyers, Alison Jiear and Lisa Shipley converged on Sydney two years ago. Eyers had the inspiration to form a contemporary troupe capable of reinterpreting classics from a vintage when girl groups rejoiced in names like the Chiffons, Crystals, Exciters, Shangri-Las and Ronettes. "This was the first time that the girls took their rightful place at the front," she says, "and relegated the boys to the back room, for a change."

Tellingly, the Fabulous Singlettes find instances when even such male-chauvinistic young rockers as the Beatles and the Rolling Stones fell willingly into the arms of girl-group weepies like "Chains" and "Baby It's You".

The three Singlettes perfected this revue in the hard-bitten, hard-drinking environment of Perth's cabaret clubs before unleashing it first on Sydney and then on to last year's Edinburgh Festival, where the audiences quickly appreciated the hysterical diversions that the group add to their resurrections of such 25-year-old tear-jerkers as "Born Too Late", "Leader of the Pack", and "Maybe". These ancient Americans teen-angel standards, once concocted by salaried tunesmiths in the music-publishers' offices of Manhattan's Brill Building, are now used as vehicles for observations on such vital aspects of pop culture as boys, acne, heavy petting, boys, motor bikes, home-making and boys.

Naomi Eyers's special interest in the female pop phenomenon was nurtured after receiving a copy of the American author Alan Betrock's definitive account of the subject, *Girl Groups – The Story of a Sound*, in 1984. Naomi had fancied being a florist in Adelaide, before she discovered Tamla Motown and showing off on stage.

Kindred spirits in Sydney furnished Eyers with vinyl listening lists. After teaming up with Wayne Findlay, the Singlettes' musical director and a veteran of New South Wales rock, Eyers's dream show was almost on the road. Lisa Shipley was enlisted from the local pub rock scene; the impressively upholstered and classically trained Alison Jiear was on the run from the Queensland Conservatory. The final catalyst was an Australian comedienne, Wendy Harmer, who writes their dialogue.

As the Fabulous Singlettes steer a safe course through a kitsch minefield, striking a firm balance between camp and credibility, Jiear and Shipley play Mary and Florence to Eyers's Diana Ross: a buxom flirt, a knowing bitch and a bossy Miss Peaches 'n' Cream, respectively. They are, however, no latter-day *Rocky Horror Show* – more of an *Australian Graffiti*, perhaps.

As with any successful formula, the hardest trick is to sustain an encore and a follow-up before audiences tire of the joke, and the Fabulous Singlettes are thinking hard before committing their show – with its total reliance on old songs – to record. "We have to be careful which songs we cover," Eyers says. "And we have to cover them before someone else sneaks off with a really popular one."

Kylie Minogue and "The Loco-motion", for instance? Mention of the *Neighbours* actress draws a response carefully pitched between sarcasm and diplomacy. Actually, given the popularity of John Waters's film *Hairspray* and the much-hyped *Shag*, the Singlettes' London engagement could turn into the hottest ticket since another, more venerable but equally outrageous Australian superstar, Dame Edna Everage herself, left town.

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MARK PEPPER

Miss Peaches 'n' Cream, buxom flirt and knowing bitch: left to right, Naomi Eyers, Alison Jiear and Lisa Shipley, The Fabulous Singlettes

Straying from the true

DANCE

Moscow Classical Ballet

Business Design Centre

When I reported from Glasgow last month on the première of this production, we were told that the décor was unavoidably incomplete and would be seen to better advantage later.

However, except for a few extra pillars in the ballroom scene, and a couple of accessories here and there, not much difference was apparent last night when it reached the temporary theatre at Islington.

The stage is larger, so the dancers are no longer cramped, but I thought the lighting seemed less good. In particular, the design on the front curtain, the outline of a mask on a blackened heart, becomes scarcely legible. I imagine it was meant as a symbol of evil triumphing over love, but now it is merely an obstruction to the opening and closing tableaux.

My spies tell me that some forked lightning has been added to the last act, although the evening is such a long one (about three and a quarter hours) that my deadline called me away before that.

So I had to miss the curious ending with its multiple deaths, yet there are oddities enough earlier in the evening, including a solo for Rothbart in which he dominates and terrifies the Queen before taking his seat next to her to watch their children falling in love.

On the whole, I would say that where this *Swan Lake* tries to be original, it goes astray. Its best qualities lie in the attempt to restore traditional virtues neglected in some other productions.

There is, alas, little left here by Petipa and Ivanov, and none of the new choreography is as good as theirs. But the careful polishing of the national dances in act three yields pleasure, especially the Mazurka and the Spanish dance.

These numbers, too, are the ones that suit the company best and show off its members. The Moscow Classical Ballet is not a company in the same league as the Kirov, or anywhere near. A sound third division team, more like, with a capable ensemble, hard working soloists, and a handful of likeable principals.

The press were wisely shown two of the younger dancers in the leading roles. There are three casts and others may not be so good, unless they have improved a lot since Glasgow.

Vera Timashova's Odette is a quiet, trusting creature, softly lyrical in movement. She succeeds, where many more experienced dancers fail, in making her mirror image, Odile, recognizably an evil imitation: not flashy (although her fouettés are dazzling) but warmly seductive.

Vladimir Malakhov as Siegfried relies, so far, on a personable presence rather than any definite characterization, but he has a light, easy style in his dancing that, with his boyish good looks, could take him quite a way.

The orchestra seems thin in such a large hall, and sometimes ragged. Tchaikovsky deserves better when the production is relying on him as its chief draw.

The seasons at Islington by this company and, even more, by the Kirov last week, have demonstrated how useful a permanent theatre with more than 3,000 seats would be for dance and other big shows in London. But the auditorium is at best makeshift.

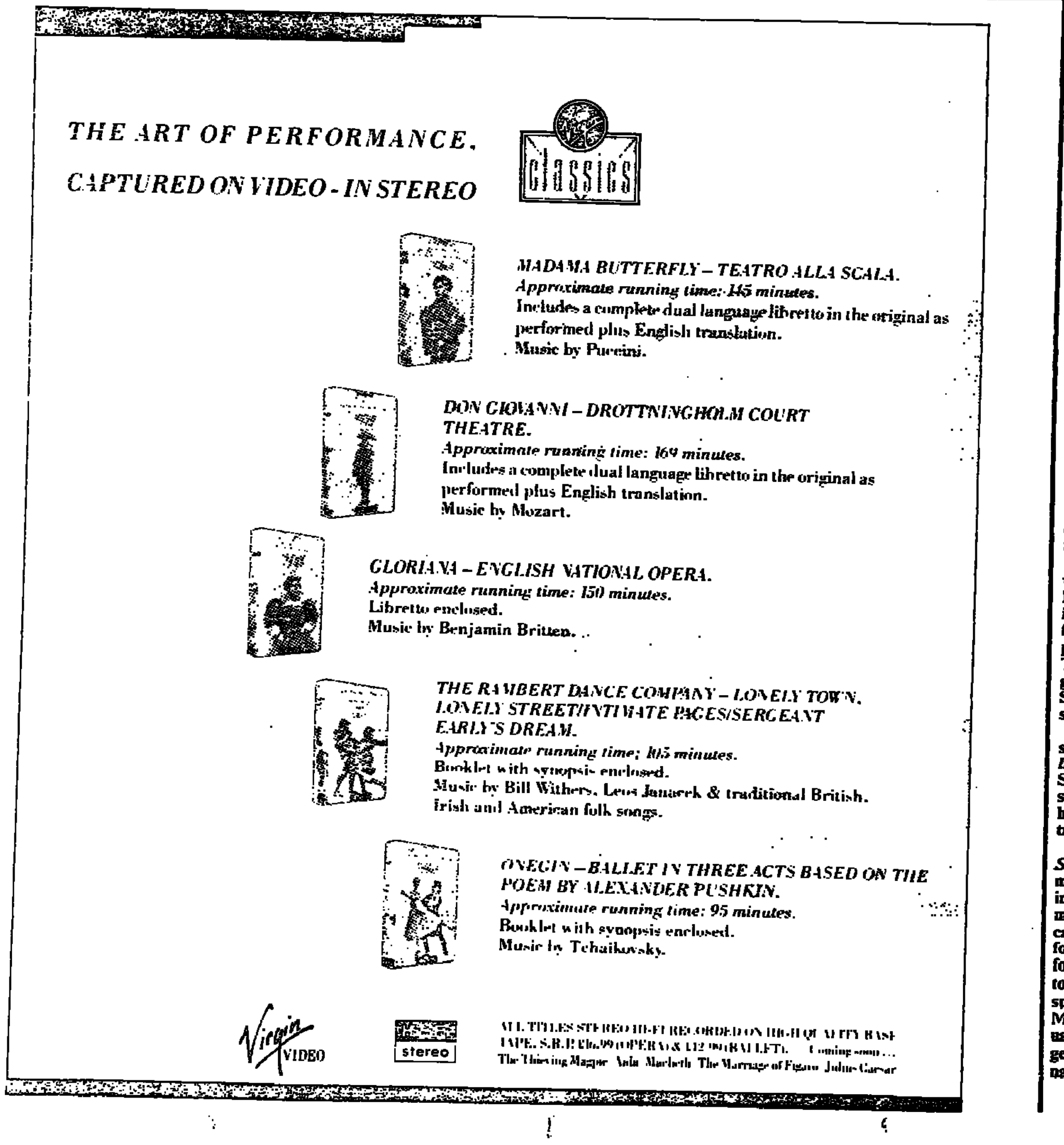
The seats are not staggered and the rake is not steep enough to guarantee good visibility. You sit on hard plastic; queues in the intervals attest to a shortage of lavatories; the acoustics are poor.

Once the present ballet glut is over, it would make sense for all interested parties to get together and look for more permanent solutions to housing dance in London.

John Percival

DEE CONWAY

Young principals: Vladimir Malakhov, as Siegfried, with Vera Timashova as Odette/Odile in *Swan Lake*



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CONCERT

BBC SSO/ Maksymiuk

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It was Nielsen who first explored the idea of a concerto soloist as a definite character, whose reactions to the various other "personalities" in the orchestra exert a strong influence on the musical action.

Thea Musgrave takes the idea further. By moving particular members of the orchestra about the hall she introduces a new element: staging.

Her Horn Concerto could have been written for the Albert Hall. The sound of horns calling to each other across its vast spaces would have been magical, even if the music were not so inventive; but it is a well-conceived and skilfully written piece, sympathetically exploiting the characteristics of the horn.

Various effects are introduced without any suggestion of exhibitionism, and at one point there is a seemingly effortless transition from the soloist's whale-sounds to pure, if fleeting diatonicism. Barry Tuckwell played his part with great conviction and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra responded enthusiastically.

It was the term of the BBC SSO strings to shine in Britten's *Les Illuminations*, and shine they did. Soprano Yvonne Kenny made some very pleasant sounds, and her sense of pitch was satisfyingly true.

Sibelius's *Pelléas et Mélisande Suite*, with the striking piece of mood-painting "By the sea" reinstated as the third movement, made a deeper impact. "At the castle gate" was surprisingly forceful, given the smallness of the forces and the size of the auditorium, and Mélisande's death spoke in sombre tones. In Jerzy Maksymiuk's hands the individual numbers seemed to run together to form a continuous narrative.

Stephen Johnson

Oh, mother!

THEATRE

Mrs Klein

Cottesloe

Melanie Klein, redoubtable child analyst and distressing mother, is the eponymous heroine of Nicholas Wright's new play. It is an engrossing work, strong, intelligent and structured ingeniously to leave us properly ambivalent about this inspiring and appalling woman.

The two acts cover a period of 18 hours in the spring of 1934, following the arrival of news at Mrs Klein's London home that her son has been killed in a climbing accident. Did he fall, as his mother (Gillian Barge) supposes, or jump, as his sister Melitta tells her mother, in a letter Mrs Klein is reluctant to read before leaving to catch her train for the funeral in Budapest?

Hopes for reconciliation come to Melitta (Francesca Annis), listening to Schubert in the Wigmore Hall, and inspire her to drive round to her mother's house to remove the letter before it is read.

Here she finds Paula Heimann (Zoë Wanamaker, marvellously precise), a refugee of her own age, an analyst, of course (all three women are analysts). Mrs K has invited her to read the proofs of a new book and look after the house, most of which she has significantly locked so that access is difficult – but possible, as the alert Paula discovers, when she manages to open the whisky cupboard from the back of the drawer above.

In a play entirely peopled by analysts, a desire for whisky will not be allowed to pass as a simple longing for the hard stuff. Wright finds attractive humour in the quainter reaches of psychobabble, an area about which the women themselves are nicely ambivalent – as who would not be when the car shared between mother and daughter is not just a 1927 Sunbeam but must do duty as Mr Klein's penis?

Essential details of Kleinian theory emerge in the dialogue more naturally than is usually the case when an audience must be informed of what the characters never need to mention. Reconciling fantasies of the good mother and the bad lies at the heart of the theory, and this is at the play's heart too, for Melitta will not forgive her mother for turning her two children into guinea pigs and devouring them.

Performances are exquisitely just. The watchful, self-protective manoeuvres of communication and silence carry our attention between speaker and listener, hinting at the motives of each by a sudden exuberance, the roguish tilt of a head or a careful, lipless smile.

For Gillian Barge, whose acting elsewhere has not always been so subtle, the performance is a triumph. With something of Irene Handl (another Viennese and a logical model) in the comedy of her attention-seeking, she leaves no doubt that here was a formidably shrewd thinker and a fearful parent.

Peter Gill's direction is almost as just as the playing, and will become completely so if he stops the jangling doorbell from turning the closing moments into melodrama.

Jeremy Kingston

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Subtle triumph: Gillian Barge

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MARK PEPPER

Preparing a feast for the Glorious Twelfth: Belinda, left, and Imogen de Selincourt say that they are usually "treated like friends, and it's a good way to meet eligible bachelors"

Good grousekeeping

Today is the Glorious Twelfth, the start of the grouse shooting season. Victoria McKee reports on the girls who feed the guns

Hundreds of well-bred, professionally finished, cordon bleu coached "girls" — among them Belinda, Imogen, Elizabeth and Sarah — will have been up with the lark today to prepare for the Glorious Twelfth.

They will not be shooting; they will be cooking: breakfast, lunch (on the moor), tea, high tea (for the children and the nanny), dinner (four courses). Ample washing-up in between. This is the lot of the women who cater for shoots. They say it is fun and they get paid between £25 and £70 per day.

Since they usually come from huntin' shootin' fishin' families, they do not turn a hair at plucking a game bird, gutting a fish or handling a touchy hierarchy of gamekeepers and butlers. During the summer season they work seven days a week for up to 16 hours a day. Surely there are easier ways to earn a living — particularly if you don't have to?

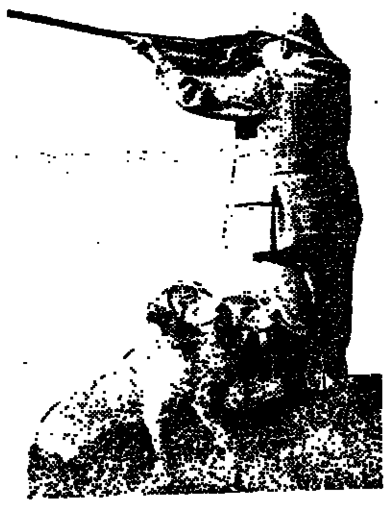
"It's the *atmosphere,*" breathes Barbara Skeggs, 34, a senior tutor at Prue Leith's School of Food and Wine, who worked in a Scottish shooting lodge for seven seasons until two years ago. "It's wonderful — it's like stepping back into an earlier time. There was a butler's pantry and flagstoned floors, and after lunch on the moor — cold lamb cutlets or cold grouse and home-made vegetable soup and fresh rolls and fruitcake and ginger cake and cheese and biscuits — they'd come back for a really big tea with scones and cakes before a dinner of grouse with game chips and and all the trimmings."

The "guns" all ate together, the loaders and keepers shared a separate patch of heather and the lowly beaters were stationed further down the hill at her lodge, Skeggs recalls. "The guns had whisky and champagne, the loaders beer and the beaters Coca-Cola. My assistant and I ended up eating with the loaders and keepers. Another friend went up to cook at a lodge nearby and ended up marrying one of the loaders — and stayed."

That friend is Daphne Grimm, who used to work for Lady Elizabeth Anson's Party Planners and now masterminds the catering for one of the great grouse estates in Scotland. "It is hard work," she acknowledges, preparing for her "Twelfth" picnic of soup, smoked salmon pâté, lamb cutlets in aspic, salads, *mille-feuilles*, cheese and biscuits, "but endless girls come up. It's a change from London, and it's a prestige thing."

People pay between £2,000 and £8,000 a week for the privilege of taking pot shots at the little birds which only breed on northern moorlands and have such a short season. Companies use grouse shoots as occasions for commercial hospitality, not blinking at paying £50,000 for a week's sport for a party of eight — which is what some estate owners even charge their "chums".

Belinda de Selincourt and her sister Imogen have used their cooking as a way to travel the world. They have worked in Sardinia, Switzerland, the south of France and the Virgin Islands. "We follow the season," Belinda says. "All our friends shoot. For grouse shoots we serve game pies and soup and salads and rolls and grouse with game chips and parsnips — and local delicacies such as smoked salmon and quail's eggs. That's what people expect.



'It's a change from London, and it's a prestige thing'

"I find they treat you as one of them, unless they're very grand, when you hardly see them. I worked for a man in Suffolk, a political speechwriter, and I was in the kitchen the whole time. With a younger crowd you're treated more like friends, and it's a good way to meet eligible bachelors." Sometimes the eligible bachelors even suggest that the girls *buy* some scones for tea so that they can come on the shoot instead of slaving over the Aga. Some men, Belinda says, even help with the washing up.

Occasionally shoots are family affairs with wives and children and nannies in tow. Then, says Sarah Willes of Blues, another well-known agency which sends girls to chalets and shooting lodges, "She can be cooking all day. It needs someone very professional — and a good background helps. We only advertise in *The Times*: the rest is by word of mouth."

Angela Straker, who runs Noodles, a cooking agency in Northumberland, specializes in sending girls out to shooting and stalking and fishing lodges. One of the "girls" on her books is Elizabeth Reed, aged 27, who has worked for the past three summers in a private lodge near Caithness, for some Americans who invite small parties of friends up to shoot. She grew up on a farm in Northumberland, where she rode in point-to-points, and learned to cook at Eggleston Hall. "I've done a lot of pheasant shoots, and that *is* busy," Reed says. "But this is easy. I've got the use of local lobster, salmon and venison — but one of the ladies this year doesn't like venison, so I think I'll do lobster with Drambuie and cream for dinner on the Twelfth."

Reed does not pluck grouse — "there are gillies for that" — but she does gut fish. "I like to bring my own food processor and potato peelers — and some aubergines and avocados and melons and vegetables which are difficult to get up here."

Soup is *de rigueur* on the grouse moors, even in August, and everyone has her favourite, from thick Stilton or celery and walnut to old-fashioned vegetable. Warm bullshots — vodka and consommé — are also appreciated. The shooters like "strong foods", the girls agree — chicken legs and game pies rather than dainty sandwiches or quiches.

Every experienced shooting cook knows never to pack a white tablecloth in the Range Rover to be laid out on the trestle tables at these sophisticated picnics. It frightens the birds away, as apparently popping champagne corks do not.

Unhealthy attitudes

BARBARA AMIEL

Mrs Edwina Currie is launching a new campaign against the bottle-feeding of babies. Breast is best is the sentiment, and to that end Mrs Currie has "persuaded" the manufacturers of baby-feeding bottles to stop advertising their product. "It could well be that unless we had gone along with the voluntary ban," said Mr John Morris, general manager of Cannon Babysafe, "the Government would have introduced legislation".

As well, in accord with Mrs Currie's wishes, the manufacturers of milk formula will also stop giving the NHS subsidized supplies of their product. Formula milk will cost hospitals more money now and that should create extra pressure on new mothers to breastfeed.

This latest action of Mrs Currie's underlines once again for me why I am not a Tory. But that is getting ahead of the argument. First one has to examine briefly the issue of breast-feeding on its merits. Readers will understand if I telescope that argument without getting into details of whether mother's milk is an antidote to eczema or a cause of it. The consensus seems to be that when the supply of mother's milk is plentiful and the mother is healthy, her milk is best for the child. On the other hand, breast-feeding does have some problems.

It is, as one doctor explained to me, difficult to know precisely how much the baby is getting to eat, unless a mother weighs her breast before and after feeding. Further, it is precisely when mothers are tired or unwell that they need extra rest and not a baby crying for a milk supply that may be a little scant. Finally, breast-feeding is simply impractical for a woman going back to work.

These problems can all be solved, I suppose, by further Government intervention. Companies can be forced to provide daycare and nursery facilities and mothers can all be made to pass exams set by the La Leche League. Is this what Mrs Currie wants?

Mrs Currie has perplexed me for some time now. At first, when reading reports of her determination to make her home a smoke-free zone by weaning Mr Currie from his cigarette habit, one was mildly amused. But as time passed one began to get a distinct feeling of a woman who had run out of a family to bully and was now extending her horizons to the nation. Her admonition that businessmen should take their wives on business trips in order to avoid Aids was not only an improper area for Government comment, but in so far as it had any justification in terms of public hygiene, it was misleading because Aids is not a disease threatening many heterosexual businessmen. Her suggestion that wealthy people should use private doctors would have been welcomed if it were the start of a campaign to transfer health care to private insurance, leaving the state to look after indigents only. Failing that, her suggestion makes national health insurance simply another form of hidden taxation which all must pay but not all benefit.

Of course, a nation clearly wants a government that does everything to promote the health and welfare of all. Most of us, I think, would not take exception to the Government making sure we know that fast foods are not the best nourishment. But surely government action in telling us what is good for us should be limited to areas where there may be a genuine and well-founded belief that we do not know the facts. Everyone knows that chips are wretched for the complexion and arteries. But we may need to be enlightened about the mercury or lead content in certain kinds of fish.

It seems to me that there is a big difference between the Government spending taxpayers' money to give us helpful new information on the one hand, and a programme such as the breast-feeding campaign. We all know that breast-feeding is better, but for a variety of personal reasons we may prefer not to do it.

What rankles most, in the end, is to suggest that the agreement with the baby bottle manufacturers is "voluntary". With the threat of legislation in the offing, this seems to be despicable hypocrisy. It is in exactly the same category as the hold-up man pleading that after putting his hand in his pocket, the gentleman voluntarily gave up his wallet.

As for the Mrs Curries of the world, they will be with us forever, I fear. They will come wearing the bright colours of socialists and conservatives, sharing this overwhelming blind spot: an inability to comprehend that whether they are right or wrong, there is a host of issues where a true liberal would place boundaries between their own views and the imposition of them on others.

'The whole thing is totally ridiculous'

The pole-vaulter Jeff Gutteridge has lost his appeal over a life ban; but his wife is standing by her man

Carla Gutteridge says that when she first met her husband, one of the qualities she noticed was his honesty. "He was, and still is, known as the 'nice guy of British athletics'," she recalls in her native Californian drawl. "He certainly wasn't the type to cheat."

This week, 32-year-old Jeff Gutteridge (who last year won every major pole-vaulting title in Britain) lost his appeal to the British Amateur Athletic Board against an effective life ban from the sport after failing a drugs test for steroids while training in Lanzarote this spring.

As a result his 27-year-old wife, who left America when she married, is preparing to leave their townhouse in Slough to return to her homeland with her husband and children. They had planned to do this anyway, she says, but not until after Christmas. Had he won his appeal Gutteridge was planning to take part in trials for the Seoul Olympics.

In America he will probably join his brother-in-law in his retail business. His wife finds it all very sad. "The whole thing is totally ridiculous," she insists.

"Of course there *is* pressure on athletes to perform well, but Jeff didn't need any extra boost. He was already number one last year and besides, he's not driven by some demonic desire to win at any cost. Physically there certainly aren't any signs of him having taken steroids: his weight, for instance, has actually dropped, from 13st 8lb to 12st 4lb.

"In fact he's so anti-drugs that he's been leading the campaign to promote on-the-spot testing in sport."

Why, then, did the Gutteridge appeal — which lasted seven hours — fail? "I reckon the British Amateur Athletic Board felt it had to stick to the original verdict because it would be too embarrassing to change it."

Was it possible that Gutteridge might have used steroids without confiding in his wife? Carla puzzles for a minute, as though the question has never occurred to her before: "I don't think so," she says slowly.

Mrs Gutteridge believes that her husband was "as genuinely shocked" as she was when the letter from the Amateur Athletic Board arrived saying he had failed the steroid test.

She has had eight years of marriage on which to base her faith: she met Jeff while she was at university in San Diego and he was training for the 1980 Olympics in the company of Daley Thompson and Richard Slaney. After a year of traipsing across the Atlantic, she jettisoned her fashion/business degree (with only two terms to go) to marry Gutteridge at the age of 19.

She shared her honeymoon in Britain with several athletes at a Welsh track meeting. It proved to be the shape of things to come. "Jeff would work for his father's construction business by day and then train all evening until 9pm."

Their son Ricky, born five years ago, was taken along to track meetings but their eight-month-old daughter, Perri, has not proved so portable. "So I stayed at home more while Jeff was away competing. The weekends were the worst when everyone else has a husband around. Ironically, the last month — when Jeff has been at home more, waiting for the appeal outcome — has shown us just how tough the last years have been."

Last weekend he was away again: this time, at the Birmingham trials for the Olympics. "He could not compete but he wanted to show he was not afraid by saying 'hello' to everyone, including the officials." She has not told her parents about the ban or the appeal. "It would finish my father: he'd be so worried. I confided in my sister but she says the news hasn't appeared much in the American press. Now the appeal has failed, I'm going to have to explain this to the rest of my family."

She is not unhappy to be leaving England but her husband, she says, will probably find his new life strange at first. "It'll be rather like leaving the military service and entering civilian life. But it will be wonderful for me to have him around again."

Would Carla ever deter her son Ricky from becoming an athlete? "Put it this way: I'd rather he played tennis."

Jane Bidder

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Preparing to return to the United States: Carla Gutteridge with her children Ricky and Perri

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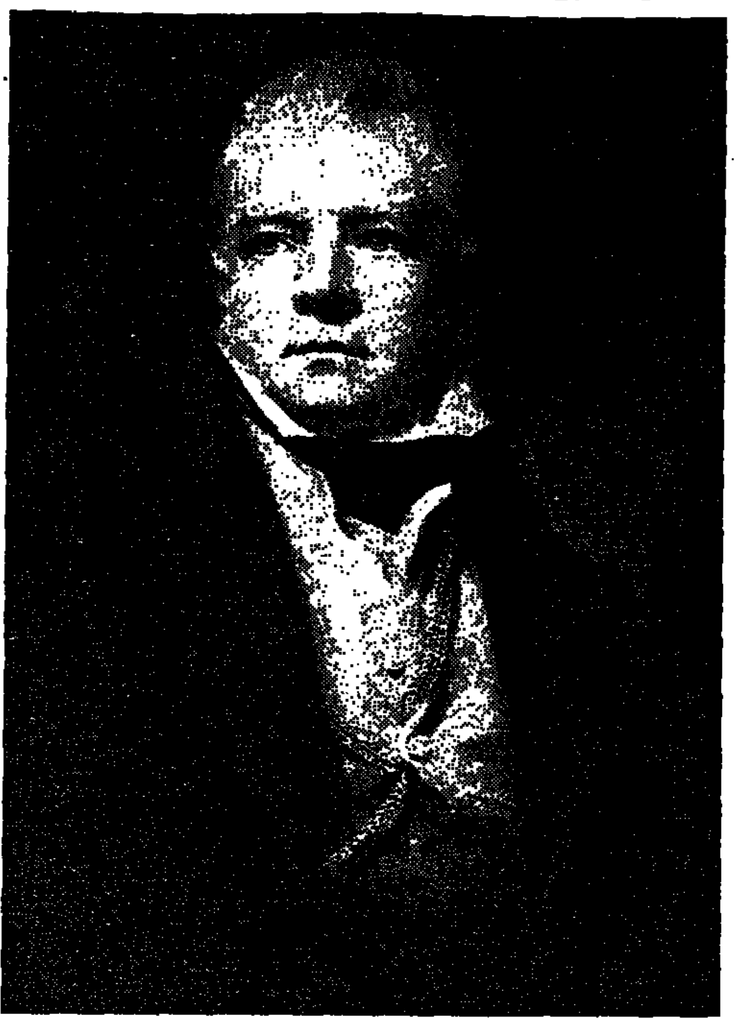

In 1822 Sir Henry Raeburn (1756-1823) painted a portrait of a soberish Sir Walter Scott on which the mezzotint (left), showing the author in a more genial light, was based. Scott's view of this portrait is unrecorded but he had mixed feelings about Raeburn's other version of him, one of which he thought made him resemble a clown and a blockhead. Nevertheless, when the painter died Scott paid him generous tribute: "Painting is deprived of a votary of genius, our city (Edinburgh) of an ornament and society of a most excellent and most innocent member." Raeburn's reputation is built on magnificent portraits of Highland clansmen. He returned to these proud men the dignity absent since Culloden in 1746 by presenting them as heroic, with some defiantly wearing regalia banned by punitive anti-Jacobite sanctions imposed from London. Raeburn also celebrated the renaissance in Edinburgh's intellectual life during the Scottish Enlightenment. He portrayed romantically all the major participants from clerics and academics to philosophers and writers, such as Hume and Scott. The popularity of Raeburn's work and, by extension, of his Great Scots was circulated by editioning cheap, fine prints. A collection of these is on show from today at the Scottish Gallery, 94 George Street, Edinburgh (031 225 5955), Monday-Friday 9am-5.30pm, Saturday 9.30am-2pm, free, until September 6. ***David Lee***

THEATRE

LONDON

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☆ **DRIVING MISS DAISY:** Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the relationship between an elderly Jewess and her black chauffeur. Fragile material but fine acting.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 5-6.30pm, £5-£14.

☆ **THE FANCY MAN:** A new Mike Stott play of how a young man's love of cricket and pigeons, and his new bride's own preferences for love bring turmoil to a Northern village.
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9224). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Previews 8-10.20pm. Mat Sat 4.30-6.50pm. Openst Aug 17, 7-9.20pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-10.20pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.50pm. Mon £5, Tues-Fri and Mat Sat £6.50, Sat £7.50.

☆ **GREEK:** Steven Berkoff's savage version of *Oedipus*, set in East London.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Sat 5-7.15pm, £5.50-£13.50.

☆ ***MODIGLIANI:*** Jonathan Oliver is a painter of almond-eyed girls in this Off-Broadway success.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (01-794 0022). Tube: Hampstead. Tues-Sun, 8pm, £6, £3.50 concessions.

☆ **STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE:** Nostalgia musical: back to the Sixties with the Fabulous Singlettes sporting beehive hair-dos, who sing it like it was.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman St, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Previews Mon-Thur 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm and 9-11pm, £4-£10.50. Opens Aug 15, 7-9pm, then Mon-Thur, Fri, Sat £5-£13.50. Mats Fri 6.30-8.30pm, £7.50, Sat 6.30-8.30pm, £8.50.

☆ **TEECHERS:** John Godber's end-of-term play within a play; funny with sad bits.
Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street WC2 (01-836 3334). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 9-11pm, Early performances on Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm, £6.50-£11.50.

☆ **TOO CLEVER BY HALF:** Aden Gillett plays the honey-tongued rascal in marvellously inventive production of Ostrovsky's satiric comedy. Last week.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30 and Sat 4pm, £4-£14.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Strand Theatre (01-836 2660)... ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9)... ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **The Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: ☆ **Translations:** Excellent Brian Freil play about British troops re-mapping rural Ireland in the 19th Century.
Festival Theatre Tent, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Tonight, Aug 16-20 and 22, 8pm, £4.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ **COMING TO AMERICA (15):** Eddie Murphy as a pampered foreign prince who comes to America to select his own bride (116 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.10, 11.00.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.15, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.35, 5.15, 8.15, 11.20.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.05, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25, 11.15.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.45, 3.05, 5.35, 8.15, 11.10.
Plaza 1 (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15, 10.45, 11.15.
Plaza 2 (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30, 12.00.

■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE II (PG):** Disappointingly flat sequel to the runaway Aussie hit, with Paul Hogan (112 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 5.50, 8.30, 11.00.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 3.00, 5.45, 8.30, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.45, 5.45, 8.30, 11.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.30, 9.15.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30, 11.55.

THE COUCH TRIP: Dan Aykroyd plays an anarchic prisoner who escapes, impersonates a psychiatrist, takes over a radio phone-in show and becomes a media celebrity (98 min).
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.10, 8.35.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5906). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 6.00, 8.15.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 6.00, 8.40, 11.35.

HAIRSPRAY (PG): Nutty comedy from director John Waters, poking fun at the social habits of Baltimore teenagers in 1962 (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 3.35, 5.35, 7.35, 9.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.15, 8.45, 11.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35, 11.15.

A HANDFUL OF DUST (PG): James Wilby and Kristin Scott Thomas star in Evelyn Waugh's savage novel (118 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.50, 3.10, 5.40, 8.20.

THE JUNGLE BOOK (U): Revival of the joyous Disney cartoon based on Kipling's stories (78 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0130). Progs 1.20, 3.45, 6.10, 8.35.
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-622 6644). Progs 12.25, 2.30, 4.35, 6.40, 8.45.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723-2011). Progs 11.15am, 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.45.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 11.45am, 1.35, 3.30, 5.20, 7.15, 9.10.

■ **POLICE ACADEMY V (PG):** More looney antics from the US police squad (90 min)
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30, 11.20.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.15, 8.35, 11.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.40, 11.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791) 2.25, 4.30, 8.40, 11.15.

SHAG (15): Frivolous film, named after an American dance craze: with Bridget Fonda, Phoebe Cates and Page Hannah (100 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Prog 1.35.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40, 11.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30, 11.15.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.

TRACK 29: Prickly psychological drama from director Nicolas Roeg and writer Dennis Potter, about a bored American housewife (Theresa Russell) whose life is overturned by a stranger claiming to be her long lost son (Gary Oldman). (91 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691) Progs 2.40, 4.45, 6.50, 9.00, 11.15.

VICE VERSA (PG): Judge Reinhold as the workaholic department store executive who swaps bodies with his young son (Fred Savage). (98 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40, 11.45.

WINGS OF DESIRE (15): Wim Wenders's epic tale of two angels watching over the citizens of Berlin (127 min).
☎ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 6.00, 8.45, 11.15.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (1) Coming To America
2 (2) Crocodile Dundee II
3 (3) The Jungle Book
4 (4) Vice Versa
5 (–) Track 29
6 (5) The Couch Trip
7 (9) Hairspray
8 (7) A Handful of Dust
9 (6) Wings of Desire
10 (10) Police Academy V

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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 The Jungle Book
2 Vice Versa
3 Crocodile Dundee II
4 Police Academy V
5 Three Men and a Baby

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UNITED STATES:
1 (1) Cocktail
2 (2) Who Framed Roger Rabbit?
3 (4) Die Hard
4 (3) Coming To America
5 (–) A Fish Called Wanda
6 (5) Midnight Run
7 (8) Big
8 (–) The Blob
9 (6) The Dead Pool
10 (–) The Rescue

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VIDEO RENTALS:
1 Masters of the Universe
2 Inner Space
3 Big Foot and the Hendersons
4 Flight of the Navigator
5 Beverly Hills Cop II

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CONCERTS

☆ **ELECTRONIC MONKEYS:** To kick off a whole weekend of electronic music Michael Waiswitz performs his own *Touch Monkeys* and Archaic Symphony. He is assisted in matters of sound projection by Ian Dearden and Javier Alvarez.
***Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank* London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £8.

☆ **LUTOSLAWSKI/EOTVOS:** Witold Lutoslawski conducts the BBC SO in his own *Musique Funèbre* and *Chain 2*; these are respectively preceded and followed by Liszt's symphonic poem *Tasso* and Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra. These latter are conducted by Peter Eötvös.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-379 4444), 7.30pm, £3-£10.

OPERA

★ **LA TRAVIATA:** Healthy revival of Peter Hall's production, now with Fiorella Pediconi and Walter MacNeil. Sian Edwards conducts.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273-541111), 5.50-9.50pm., returns only.

DANCE

☆ **APOLLO:** Natalia Makarova dances in Balanchine's Stravinsky work for London's Festival Ballet; programme includes Symphony in C and *Sphynx*.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191) 7-30-10pm £5-£16.50.

☆ **FANCY FREE:** Robbins's comedy about sailors on the town, with Balanchines concerto barocco.
Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161) 7.30-10pm £6.50-£25.

☆ **DIVERTISSEMENT:** Moscow Classical Ballet in short showpiece dances.
Business Design Centre, Upper Street, London, N1 (01-836 1226) £6.50-£26.50.

ROCK

☆ **RUNRIG:** Perennial Scottish folk-rockers with a touch of the Big Country sound and a hard line in Gaelic lyrics. Recently signed to Chrysalis after a long independent slog.
Albert Hall, Dumbarton Road, Stirling (0786 71588) 7.30pm & 10.30pm, £6.

☆ ***GAIL ANN DORSEY:*** Philadelphia-born former bass player with the disastrous Thrashing Doves, now set to make a splash as a solo artiste.
Fridge, Town Hall Parade, London SW2 (01-326 5100) 10pm, £5.

☆ **THE STRAWBS:** Veteran folk-rockers. Dave Cousins should never have given up his day job.
Half Moon Putney, 93 Lower Richmond Road, London SW15 (01-788 2387) 8.30pm, £4.

JAZZ

★ **DANKWORTH BIG BAND REUNION:** See caption.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891) 7.30pm, £7.50-£15.

☆ **ABDULLAH IBRAHIM:** Returning for a solo recital, the exiled South African pianist has no fewer than three new releases on the market — Voice Of Africa, African Sun (Kaz) and the evocative film soundtrack Mindif (Enja).
Tabernacle Community Centre, Powis Square, London W11 (01-221 5172) 8.30pm, £6.

☆ **SCOTT HAMILTON/AL CASEY:** First of three consecutive nights from the American saxophonist and the septugenarian guitarist — ex-Fats Waller and King Curtis.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722) 9.30pm, ring for prices.

WALKS

THE BURIED CITY — LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: meet Blackfriars tube, 11.30qm, £3 (also next Fri).

HIDDEN CURIOS AND COURTYARDS OF OLD LONDON: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.50.

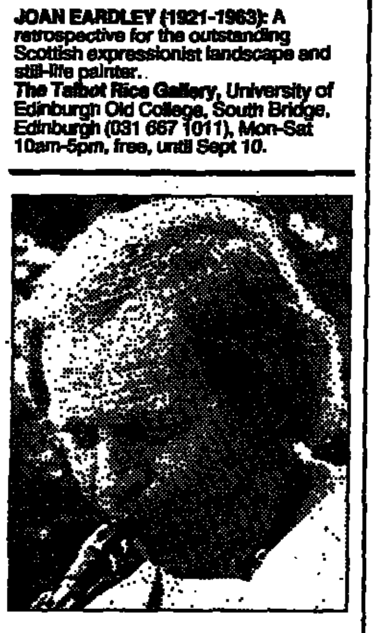
GALLERIES

DIVERSIONS ON A THEME: Designer crafts by Caroline Broadhead, Jim Partridge and Martin Smith.
Contemporary Applied Arts, 43 Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-836 6993), Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat 11am-5.30pm, free, until Sept 10.

UNHEARD MELODIES: Abstract paintings by Clifford Myerson.
***Camden Arts Centre**, Arkwright Road,* London NW3 (01-435 2643). Mon-Fri 10.30am-5.30pm, Sat and Sun 2-6pm, free, until Sept 1.

POLLY HOPE: A collection of soft, i.e. fabric, sculptures involving furniture and clothes.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3002), 10am-11pm, free, until Sept 12.

JOAN EARDLEY (1921-1963): A retrospective for the outstanding Scottish expressionist landscape and still-life painter.
The Talbot Rice Gallery, University of Edinburgh Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh (031 667 1011), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Sept 10.



The saxophonist and composer John Dankworth (above) appears at the Barbican Centre tonight (see listing) in a reunion of his famous big band. The "Summer Pops" celebration of his work recalls the styles of the 1950s and 1960s, and includes a recreation of the original Johnny Dankworth Seven, one of the groups which pioneered modern jazz in Britain. Mrs Dankworth, better known as Cleo Laine, will also be on hand.

GARDENS

CORNWALL: Bosvigo House, Bosvigo Lane, ¾-mile from Truro centre, off Redruth Road; admission £1, plants for sale; every day 11am-dusk.

ISLE OF SKYE: Clan Donald Centre, Armadale; admission £1.20, concessions 80p; gardens open all year, 10-5pm.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: Hodsock Priory, Blyth, off Worksop-Blyth Road; admission 60p. Sun Aug 14, 2-6pm; or by appointment (090 976204).

SUSSEX: Cobblers, Mount Pleasant, Jarvis Brook, Crowborough; off A26 at Crowborough Cross take B2100 to Crowborough station; at second crossroads turn into Tollwood Road for ¼-mile; admission £1. Sun Aug 14; 2.30-6pm.

WARWICKSHIRE: The Mill Garden, Mill Street, Warwick, off A425 beside castle gate; collecting box for charities; every Sun until Oct 16; 2-6pm.

OTHER EVENTS

SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW: Multitude of blooms and exhibitions, live music, arena events including show jumping and a firework display each evening.
Quarry Park, Shrewsbury, Shropshire (0743 64051). Today, tomorrow 11am-10.15pm. Adult £5 Child £2.50.

INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA: More than 200 hot air balloons. Massed ascent — weather permitting — at 6am and 6pm daily.
Ashton Court Estate, Bristol, Avon. Today, tomorrow Sun, free.

SUMMER EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM: Today, plastic modelmaking and a British Model Soldier Society Display, art activities and competitions.
National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London SW3 (01-730 0717 ext 228). 10am-12 noon and 1-3pm, free.

THEATRE CELEBRITIES EVENT: Richard Eyre talks about his career and answers questions.
***Lyttelton Terrace Cafe**, National* Theatre, Southbank, London SE1 (01-928 2252), 3.30pm, £3.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

NATIONAL THEATRE: Booking for autumn repertoire, with David Hare's new play, *The Secret Rapture*, Pinter's *Mountain Language*, directed by author, and *Bartholomew Fair*, produced by Richard Eyre, Peter Hall's successor. Also Strindberg's *The Father*, Wesker's *Roots*, and continuing performances of *The Winter's Tale, The Tempest, Cymbeline, The Changeling, The Strangeness of Others*, and *Mrs Klein*. Sept 15-Nov 19.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Personal booking opens today. Phone from Mon.

RUSSELL OF THE TIMES: One man show devised and performed by James Hayes, telling life of 19th century newspaperman and First World War correspondent. Oct 4/5.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Personal booking from today. Phone from Mon.

LAST CHANCE

ENGLISH CATHEDRALS: Drawings by Dennis Creffield, who travelled more than 10,000 miles to draw all 26 medieval cathedrals of England in 1987. Ends at Peterborough on Sat, before continuing Arts Council tour.
Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery (0733 43329).

DAVID SMITH: Drawings from 1950s by American artist. Ends today.
***Anthony d'Offay Gallery**,* 9 Dering Street, London W1 (01-499 4100).

NEWLYN SOCIETY OF ARTISTS: Part 1 of annual exhibition. Ends today.
Newlyn Art Gallery, Penzance, Cornwall (0736 63715).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Gardens:** Roy Hay; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

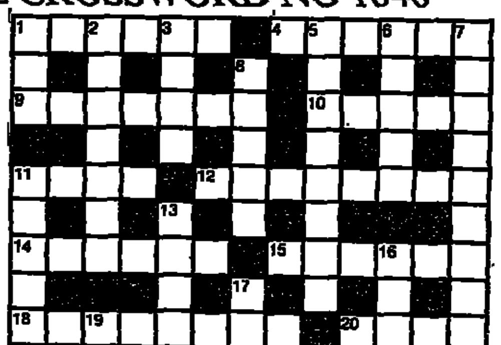
DONET
(a) Anglicization from Aelius Donatus, the 4th-century Roman grammarian who taught St Jerome; a *donet* or *donat* mentioned in *Piers Plowman* and elsewhere is an introduction to, or the elements of, any art or science.

WODWO
(b) A book of mixed verse and prose by Ted Hughes published in 1967, and exemplifying his sense of the beauty and the violence of the natural world.

THE LAURELS
(b) The home in Holloway of Charles Pooter, in *The Diary of a Nobody* by George and Weedon Grossmith, published in 1892, originally in *Punch*.

MARMION
(b) Shackerley Marmion (1603-39), educated at Wadham College, Oxford, the author of several plays, including *The Antiquary* and a good poem in heroic couplets "Cupid and Psyche".

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1640



ACROSS
1 Truth (6)
4 Brigand (6)
9 Teleprompter (7)
10 Sixth zodiac sign (5)
11 Having wings (4)
12 Insane (8)
14 Disconnect (6)
15 North Europe sea (6)
18 Strict (Jewish) (8)
20 Mount Olympus ruler (4)
22 Baffle (5)
23 Small apartment (7)
25 Fall (6)
26 Nile Battle hero (6)

DOWN
1 By way of (3)
2 Take back (7)
3 Dress fitting pleat (4)
5 Raw egg liqueur (8)
6 Funeral chant (5)
7 Lady of the Lake glen (9)
8 Disparage (5)
11 Wife of Perseus (9)
13 Animal outer germ layer (8)
16 Plant latticework (7)
17 Upper-class men (5)
19 Tantalize (5)
21 Journey charge (4)
24 Cassiterite element (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1639
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FORTUNE 836 2238 CC 741 9999 First Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) REDUCED PREVIEWS FROM SEPT 8 Evgs 8.0 Sats 5.0 & 8.30 OPENS SEPT 14 MAUREEN LIPMAN in RE: JOYCE! Adapted from the works of JOYCE GRENFELL with Denis King Directed by Alan Strachan

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GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/ 741 9999. First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee). MAGGIE SMITH MARGARET TYZACK in LETTICE AND LOVAGE a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with RICHARD PEARSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE Evgs 7.45, Sat Mat 3.00

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30 TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD by Harper Lee. Dramatised by Christopher Sergel. From Aug 19 CAPTAIN CARVALLO by Denis Cannan.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 THE FANCY MAN by Mike Stott. Previews 8pm Sat 4.30pm and 8pm.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 REX HARRISON EDWARD FOX in THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON by J.M. BARRIE Evgs. 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 3.00

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Sold out all perfs until Mar '89. Queue daily for returns.

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LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311 Eves 7.45pm. Mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm. BUSMAN'S HONEYMOON by D.L. Sayers.

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MERMAID TH. 01-236 5568/638 8891 CC (with bkg fee) 240 7200 & (no bkg fee) 741 9999. Groups 240 7941. Eves 7.30 VICTORIA CHAPLIN and JEAN BAPTISTE THIERREE in LE CIRQUE IMAGINAIRE "RARE THEATRICAL MAGIC" Gdn "SUITABLE FOR GROWN-UP CHILDREN EVERYWHERE" D. Exp. ONLY 5 MORE WEEKS!

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Leon Errol in *One Wild Night* (b/w). **6.55 Weather**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Pamela Armstrong and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30;** weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25;** regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27.**
8.35 Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (b/w). Episode one of a 15-part vintage science fiction adventure **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather **9.05 But First This!** introduced by Andy Crane beginning with The Pink Panther Show. Three cartoons (r). **9.25 Why Don't You. .?** Entertaining ideas for bored youngsters (r). **9.50 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon
10.00 News and weather followed by **Gentle Ben.** Adventures of a young boy with a pet bear (r). **10.30 Play School** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven** with pupils from St Anselm's Primary School, Tooting Bec, London
11.00 News and weather followed by **The Running, Jumping and Standing Still Film** (sepia). Goon-esqu comedy about a strange man looking for someone in a field. Directed by Dick Lester (r).
11.25 Wildlife on One: Return of the Sea Eagle. The story of how the white-tailed sea eagles have been lured back to breed in Scotland (r). (Ceefax)
12.00 News and weather followed by **The Garden Party.** Among the guests at the Glasgow International Garden Festival is Archie Macpherson who previews the Scottish football season that begins tomorrow **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Madge receives a nasty shock; and Des falls for a newcomer
1.50 Film: Conspiracy of Hearts (1960, b/w) starring Lilli Palmer, Sylvia Syms and Yvonne Mitchell. Second World War drama set in Italy about a group of nuns who try to smuggle a group of children from a prison transit camp. Directed by Ralph Thomas
3.40 Distracted Thymes. An English Civil War Society re-enactment of the siege of Lincoln Castle (r).
4.10 Paw Paws. Cartoon series **4.35 Steel Riders.** Episode two of the eight-part adventure serial. (Ceefax)
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Think It. . .Do It (r). **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan with Francesca Annis, Sister Perpetua and, by satellite from the Netherlands, Carl Lewis. Plus music from Status Quo
7.40 No Place Like Home (r). (Ceefax)
8.10 The Flying Doctors. Drama series about the work of Australia's Flying Doctor service. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Playing for Real. Episode three of the six-part story set amongst table football folk. (Ceefax)
10.20 Omnibus at the Proms. Nigel Kennedy introduces an evening of romantic music performed by the Lyons Opera Orchestra conducted by John Eliot Gardiner, including Berlioz's *Harold in Italy* and Fauré's *Peléas et Mélisande.*
11.40 Film: Let's Do It Again (1975) starring Sidney Poitier and Bill Cosby. Comedy about two lodge members who hope to drum up the money for a new meeting house by turning a hopeless boxer into a world-beater. Directed by Sidney Poitier.
1.30am Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Rabbits and Chalk Grasslands. Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax 1.20 Mop and Smiff (r). **1.35 Weekend Outlook** (r). **1.40 Ceefax**
2.00 News and weather followed by **Look, Stranger: The Birdman of St James's.** A profile of Arthur May, birdkeeper on Duck island opposite Buckingham Palace for 21 years (r).
2.25 Racing from Newbury. The 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50.**
4.25 Boating Butler. On a narrowboat from the River Severn to the Staffs-Worcester Canal **4.55 Class of 81** (r). **5.00 Star Brass** (r).
5.30 Eating Out with Tovey. Gourmet food during a cruise on Lake Windermere
6.00 Film: The Falcon in San Francisco (1945; b/w) starring Tom Conway and Rita Corday. The smooth detective has a California holiday interrupted when he meets a young girl who claims she is a virtual prisoner. Directed by Joseph H. Lewis
7.05 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w). (see Choice)
7.30 Ebony include an investigation into attacks on South African political activists.
8.00 A Fair Cop? The second of two programmes examining the workings of the Complaints Investigation Bureau of the Metropolitan Police (see Variations for other regions' programmes).
8.30 Gardeners' World from Barnsdale
9.00 Alas Smith and Jones (r). (Ceefax)
9.30 A Test of Faith. The life and career of Adam Faith after he gave up pop singing (first shown on London and South-east).
10.00 Sing Country includes Albert Lee and his Hogan's Heroes.
10.30 Newsnight 11.15 Weather.
11.20 Film: The Ritz (1976) starring Jack Weston and Rita Moreno. Comedy about an obese fugitive, on the run from his gangster brother-in-law, who take refuge in a gay Manhattan bathhouse. Directed by Richard Lester. Ends at **12.55am**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys; **8.50 Wacaday** for the young, with Timmy Mallett.
9.25 Thames news and weather 9.30 Whose Baby? Nanette Newman, Bob Carolgees and Ross Davidson try to guess which baby belongs to a celebrity parent. Hosted by Bernie Winters
10.00 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe. Cartoon adventures (r). **10.25 News headlines 10.30 Bugs Bunny** (r). **10.35 Disney's The Wuzzles** (r). **11.00 Towser** (r). **11.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets (r). **11.25 Thames news and weather**
11.30 Dancing. The first of a new series on the story of dance, presented by Professor John Blacking of Queen's University, Belfast **12.00 Gas Street.** Among Suzi Quatro's guests is Bob Carolgees **12.30 Santa Barbara.**
1.00 News at One with Jon Snow **1.20 Thames news and weather**
1.30 9 to 5. American comedy series about office life starring Sally Struthers, Valerie Curtin and Rachel Dennison **2.00 The Bill** (r). **2.55 Home Cookery Club.** Seafood Crumble (r).
3.00 Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Scottish Highlands **3.25 Thames news and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Button Moon. Puppet series (r). **4.10 Rub A Dub Dub** (r). **4.20 Scooby Doo** (r).
4.45 Splashout. The story of Alex and Martin Lacey, two brothers whose father is a ringmaster and their mother a tiger trainer, who have been brought up in the travelling circus tradition
5.15 Valentine Park. Comedy love story set in a municipal park. Starring Ken Jones and Liz Smith
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00 LWT News**
6.15 Police 5 with Shaw Taylor.
6.30 Family Affairs. This week's family dispute is between a man who wants his girlfriend to have their baby but she, already with a child by another man, is against the idea. Presented by Mike Smith
7.00 Jimmy's. More real-life dramas concerning the patients and staff of St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
7.30 Child's Play. Roy Castle and Sandra Dickinson try to decipher what young people are trying to describe. Presented by Michael Aspel
8.00 Film: Jeremiah Johnson (1972) starring Robert Redford as a mid-19th century soldier-turned-trapper who tires of civilized society and takes to the hills where, after a perilous winter, he becomes an accomplished hunter under the guidance of a veteran trapper. Directed by Sydney Pollack.
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Alastair Stewart **10.30 LWT News and weather**
10.35 Hunter. The detective and his colleague McCall hunt the murderous leader of a gang of teenagers.
11.35 1st Exposure presented by Arthur Smith. Among the new or nearly new acts to television are dancers, the Berry Brothers and comedy acts Michelle Read and Miles and Millner
12.05am Kojak. A thief accuses Kojak of taking a bribe and the New York policeman comes under investigation by the Internal Affairs Division. Starring Telly Savalas (r).
1.00 Night Network with film reviews and guests including Geoff Payne from *Neighbours* and guitarist Adrian Legg
4.00 Baseball '88. Houston V Los Angeles.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Woman in View (r).
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Sesame Street.
2.00 Guitarral. The second of eight programmes in which Julian Bream traces the evolution of the Spanish guitar (r).
2.30 Archbishop Milingo. A documentary about the former Roman Catholic Archbishop of Lusaka, Zambia, who was accused by the Vatican of paganism and witchcraft (r).
3.30 Patterns of Life: It's a Frog's Life. A documentary about frogs and toads (r).
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 Mister Ed (b/w). Vintage American comedy series about a man with a talking horse.
5.30 Space Craft. Part three of the six-programme series on making the most of small accommodation, presented by Rick Ball (r). (Oracle)
6.00 The Chart Show.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Anne Perkins. Weather
7.50 Book Choice. Margaret Forster reviews William Coyle's novel *Act of Grace.*
8.00 What the Papers Say with Lesley Garner of the *Daily Telegraph*
8.15 Right Talk. Would it matter to the Right if the sense of "being British" was gradually eroded? Among those taking part in the discussion are Quinlan Terry and Roger Scruton
9.00 The Golden Girls. Award-winning comedy series. (Oracle)
9.30 All Muck and Magic. Organic farming series (r). (Oracle)
10.00 Rude Health. Comedy set in a Home Counties health centre (r).
10.30 The Incredibly Strange Film Show (see Choice)
11.15 Wired. Among those appearing are Joan Armatrading and Thomas Lang
12.15am Kellogg's Tour of Britain. Stage 4a — Liverpool to Stoke — and 4b. Stoke to Birmingham.
1.15 Film: Echo Park (1985) starring Susan Dey. Comedy drama about a single parent, working as a Los Angeles waitress but hankering for life as an actress, and her relationships with two men. Directed by Robert Dornhelm. Ends at **2.55.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 1.30am-1.35 News and weather SCOTLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35 Neighbours 6.58-7.00 Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: 8.00pm Have Footlights — Will Travel 8.30-9.00 Gardening Together SCOTLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 Catchword NORTHERN IRELAND: 8.00pm-8.30 Poets in Person ENGLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 East: Little People. . .Big Business; Midlands: Heartland; North: Man of Trust — The Life of Joseph Roundtree; North-east: The Allotment Show; North-west: Northern Spirit; South: The Test Way; South-west: Nozzers; West: Hardy's Wessex

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm Anglia News and Weather 1.30 Film: Spin a Dark Web 6.00-7.00 About Anglia 10.35-1.00am Film: The Joker Is Wild

BORDER As London except: 10.30am-11.10 Crown Green Bowling 1.20pm Border News 1.30 The New Squadronaires 1.45 Crown Green Bowling 3.00 Traffic in Town 3.30 The Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround Friday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.35 Celebrity Golf 11.20 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.20am Weather, close

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm Home Cookery Club 12.35 The Young Doctors 1.20 Central News 1.30-3.00 Film: The Little Mermaid 5.15 Child's Play 6.00 Central News 6.30-7.00 Everyone a Winner 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 10.35 Film: The Eagle Has Landed 1.10am Kojak 2.05-5.00 "C"

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm All Our Yesterdays 1.20 Channel News 1.30 Teach Your Child to Cook 2.00 Falcon Crest 3.00 Chain Letters 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Take Time Out 10.35 Film: The House that Dripped Blood 12.35am-1.00 Sledge Hammer! 4.00 Company 4.05 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 4.30-5.00 Take Time Out

GRANADA As London except: 10.30am Crown Green Bowling 1.20 Granada Reports 1.30 The Week in View 1.45 Crown Green Bowling 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Give us a Clue 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Child's Play 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 10.35 Who's the Boss? 11.05 Legwork 12.00 Film: Funeral in Berlin 2.00am The UK Top 10 2.30 America's Top 10 3.00 Europe's Top 10 3.30 WKRP in Cincinnati 3.55 The All-British Country Music Festival 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm HTV News 1.30-3.00 Film: Checkpoint 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Problems 10.35 Your Say 10.50 Kojak 11.50 Film: Blazing Magnum 1.50am Crazy About the Movies 2.20 HTV Weather, Close

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.35-11.35 Ellnor — Live 11.35-12.35am Kojak 12.35-2.30 Blazing Magnum 2.30 Weather, Close

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm Scottish News 1.30-3.30 Film: Anastasia 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.35 1st Exposure 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Film: Funeral in Berlin 2.00 The UK Top 10 2.30 The Prizewinners 3.00 Europe's Top 10 3.30 WKRP in Cincinnati 3.55-5.00 Musical Special

TSW As London except: 1.20pm Today News and Weather 1.30-3.00 Film: Pearl of the South Pacific 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 That's My Dog 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 10.35 Film: Cruise Missile 12.25am Meltdown 12.55 Postscript 1.00 Weather, Close

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 All Our Yesterdays 1.20 TVS News and Weather 1.30 Teach Your Child to Cook 2.00 Falcon Crest 3.00 Chain Letters 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Take Time Out 10.35 International Athletics 11.35 Film: The House that Dripped Blood 12.35am-1.00 Sledge Hammer! 4.00 Company 4.05 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 4.30-5.00 Take Time Out

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm Regional News 1.25 Lookaround 1.30-3.00 Film. The Night we go the Bird" 5.15-5.45 Child's Play 6.00-7.00 Northern Life 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 10.35 Film Bloodline 1.00am Inner Space 1.10-6.00 Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Ulster Newstime 1.30 Charlie's Angels 2.30-3.00 Nothing but the Best 5.15-5.45 Child's Play 6.00 Summer Edition 6.15 Summer Sport 6.30-7.00 Survival 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 10.35 Witness 10.40 Magnum 11.40 The Channon & Ball Video Show 12.40am News

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30-1.00pm The Young Doctors 1.20 Calendar News 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30-3.00 Film: All For Mary 5.15-5.45 Give Us A Clue 6.30-7.00 Living It Up 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 10.35 Film: Codename Wildgeese 12.30am Film: Conquest of the Planet of the Apes 2.00 Kojak 3.00 Music Box 4.00-6.00 Meltdown

S4C Starts: 10.25am Film: Inspector Hornleigh Goes to It" 12.00 Countdown 12.30pm Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Just 4 Fun 2.30 Film: Theatre Royal" 4.20 5. Lon Goch 4.35 Foltron 5.00 Mork and Mindy 5.30 Space Craft 6.00 Chart Show 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Ma' Ilan 'Ma 8.15 Popeth Dan Haul 9.00 Korea — The Unknown War 10.00 Cheers 10.30 The Incredibly Strange Film Show 11.15 Wired 12.15am Kellogg's Pro-Cycling Tour of Britain 1.15 Film: Echo Park 2.55 Close

RTE 1 Starts: 4.05pm News and weather followed by Bosco 4.35 Kaboodle 5.00 Cockleshell Bay 5.15 Heidi 5.45 News 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Newstime 6.30 Cartoon Time 6.40 Hillary's Adventures 7.05 Sea Hunt 7.30 Room Outside 8.00 Matlock 9.00 News 9.20 Nutcracker: Money, Madness and Murder 11.05 Swing It Again 11.35 News, Close

RTE 2 Starts: 5.10pm Sons and Daughters 5.35 Get Smart 6.15 Film: The Zany Adventures of Robin Hood 8.00 Nuacht 8.05 Keating on Impressionism 8.35 We Love Lucy 10.25 Showjumping from Millstreet 11.10 Portraits 12.10am Close

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Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.42 Behind the Wall by Colin Thubron. Read by John Rowe (3 of 12) **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is MP and MEP Rev Ian Paisley (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments about BBC programmes and policy
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Mr Webb by Mark Green. Read by Richard Pasco
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Latin Americans: Hugh O'Shaughnessy presents a portrait of Estrada, a town on Costa Rica's Atlantic coast (3 of 8) (s) (r)
11.32 Rebels: Hugh Sykes with six biographies of unconventional people (1) Geronimo, who became the symbol for the vigorous Apache race (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours: John Howard investigates how effective the Commission for Racial Equality has been since its inception in 1977. With CRE chairman Michael Day
12.25 Radio Fun: In the third programme about the story of radio comedy, Russell Davies recalls the era of *Bandwagon* and *The Day War Broke Out* **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One: Presented by Brian Widlake
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes a discussion between property developer John Hall and Professor of Town Planning Patsy Healy about an ambitious scheme to breathe new life into the inner city area of Newcastle; Jeff Banks talks about a new high tech fashion centre; plus an item on an exhibition of rag mats that aims to change the art form's traditional image
3.00 News; The Princess Casamassima by Henry James, dramatized in five parts by Betty Davies. With Elizabeth Bell, Mark Ashton and Imelda Staunton (2) (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Inside Job: Six programmes offering a view of working life in Lancashire. Phil Smith listens to the experiences of undertakers (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Freewheeling: Barry Norman returns with the weekly guide to what's going on, where and when. Tonight Martin Roberts talks to a man who intends to jump off Bognor Regis in his Sinclair C5 as part of the International Birdman Competition; plus items on how pianola playing can develop your feet and cure your constipation, and on a beach watching guide
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents a selection of the past week's television and radio programmes (s)
8.20 Towards 2000 with the Radio 4 Generation: John Humphrys chairs a series of discussions in which young people from all over the UK explore aspects of the kind of society they expect towards the year 2000 (2) Pride
9.05 Stop Press: Geoffrey Goodman reviews the week's newspapers
9.30 Letter From America: by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: An investigation into role reversal in the theatre and on the big screen
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Countrywoman by Paul Smith read by Kevin McHugh (5 of 12) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: Presented by David Sells
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news will Bill Wallis, David Tate and Sally Grace (s)
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued)

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Golden age of Silvers

TELEVISION CHOICE

Phil Silvers as Sergeant Bilko (left) and Maurice Gosfield as Doberman in a re-run of the classic sitcom (BBC2, 7.05pm)

● In these dog days of summer viewing, the best on offer is a repeat which at least bears countless reviewings, **The Phil Silvers Show** (BBC2, 7.05pm). This evening features perhaps the funniest Bilko ever, *Rock and Roll Rookie* (though some might say that *Bilko Gets Some Sleep* features Silvers's finest performance). This episode was first transmitted 31 years ago and still stands as a model for situation comedy. The rapid-fire humour of this series has seldom been surpassed on television, and no other comedy has ever matched the absolute rightness of the characters' names: Paparelli, Doberman, Ritzik, Fleischman, Kadowski, Sowici and, most inspired of all, Bilko itself. This episode has Bilko trying to record the songs of the newest recruit to the motor-pool, one Elvin Pelvin, recently drafted rock and roll star. "On golden wings a million dollars have flown into our lap. We won't be greedy, only a steady $10,000 a week," crows Bilko, whose scheme is complicated by the fact that Pelvin will sing only when unhappy and he resists all efforts to make his life a misery.

● From the sublime to **The Incredibly Strange Film Show** (C4, 10.30pm), which celebrates the rock-bottom tackiness of Ray Dennis Steckler (eminently nice, sensible and normal in appearance), whose movies make practically every other film look like a masterpiece. Steckler discards script and narrative continuity in favour of what can only be described as an improvised incompetence, which is not unendearing in small doses, but taken neat can lead viewers to wonder if they haven't slipped into a state of hallucination, because no film could be this bad, surely? Oh yes it can.

Chris Petit

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm,** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **11.00** Radio 1 Roadshow (Mike Read) **12.30** Newsbeat (Lesley Curwen) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young's Dance Music Show **10.00-12.00** Friday Rock Show with Tommy Vance **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave)
News on the hour (except **8.00** and **9.00pm**)
4.00 Bill Rennells **5.30** Roger Royle **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford and Alan Titchmarsh **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Teddy Johnson's 78 Show **7.30** The Dankworth Band Reunion Concert **9.30** Nigel Ogden with The Organist Entertains **10.00** The Golden Years presented by Alan Keith **10.30** 'Ow Do, 'Ow Are You? **11.00** Mike Hurley **1.00** Ellis Hill presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Wrise on... 7.45 Seven Seas 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Without Strings 8.30 Music Now 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.45 The Third Policeman 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Guitar Workshop 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Talking From 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Europe's World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 John Peel 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Nature Notebook 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Ideal of Europe 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 Outlook 7.39 Stock Market Report 7.45 Personal View 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Science in Action 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Europe's World 9.30 Business Matters 9.45 Where Angels Fear to Tread 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 From the Weeklies 11.30 Multitrack 3 12.00 World News 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Personal View 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Guitar Workshop 1.45 Nature Notebook 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Not So Long Ago 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 Morgenmagazin 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News and Twenty-Four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Stanford (The Bluebird: Cambridge Singers under John Rutter); Grainger (A Lincolnshire Posy: and London Wind Orchestra under Denis Wicks); Bridge (Sir Roger de Coverley: Delmé String Quartet)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Jolivet (Trumpet Concerto No 2: Philharmonia under Esa-Pekka Salonen with Wynton Marsalis); Delius (A Song of Summer: RPO under Eric Fenby); Gershwin (Three Preludes: Michael Tilson Thomas, piano); Bernstein (Symphonic Dances from West Side Story: New York PO under the composer)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Janacek. Janacek Real Burghauser (Incidental music to Hauptmann's Comedy *Schluck und Jau:* Slovak PO under Pesek); Janacek (Skuratov's monologue from the *House of the Dead,* Act : Czech PO under Neumann with Ivo Zidek (tenor); and String Quartet No 2 (Intimate Letters): Talich Quartet — Peter Messiereur and Jan Kvapil, violins, Jan Talich, viola, Evzen Tattai, cello)
9.25 Pianist and Cello: Arturo Bonucci (cello) with John Blakely (piano) perform Rachmaninov's Sonata in G minor, Op 19
10.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Christopher Adey conducts Delius (the Walk to the Paradise Garden); David Wooldridge (Fantasy concertante); and Britten (The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra). With Heather Corbett (vibraphone), Alan Cuckston (harpsichord) and Meredith McCracken (harp)
10.55 Ravel: John Shirley-Quick (baritone) with Philip Ledger (piano) perform Histoires naturelles (r)
11.15 Late Beethoven: Quartet in A minor, Op 132: Borodin String Quartet (r)
12.05 Ulster Orchestra: Vernon Handley conducts the first broadcast performances of Stanford's Irish Rhapsody No 3 and Symphony No 6 in E flat. With Raphael Wallfisch (cello)
1.00 News
1.05 Mozart and Schubert Sonatas (new series): Bernard Roberts (piano) plays Mozart (Sonata in C, K 330); and Schubert (Sonata in C minor, D 958)
2.00 The Georgian Music Room: Einan James (mezzo-soprano), Nancy Hadden (flute), Celia Harper (harpsichord) and Timothy Mason (cello) perform Arne (Cymon and Iphigenia); James Hook (Eccho Song; The Lass of Richmond Hill; and The Blackbird); and Handel (Pensieri notturni di Fillis; La solitudine; Mi palpita il cor)
2.45 Papillons: Music by Couperin, Massenet, Martinu, Grieg, Prokofiev, Faure, Chausson and Elgar, all with a butterfly theme
3.15 Bruckner: Symphony No 6 in A: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Gunther Herbig (r)
4.20 The Trio Sonatas of Bach: James Dalton (organ) plays Bach (Sonata No 1 in E flat, BWV 525); Krebs (Chorale prelude: Ach Gott! erhör mein Seufzen); and Bach (Sonata No 2 in C minor, BWV 526)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Fritz Spiegl examines ABC Dario Musico, the 18th-century lexicographer. With extracts read by Garard Green
6.30 Standing at the Crossroads: Tony Russell explores the myth of Robert Johnson, the blues singer and guitarist who was stabbed to death when he was still in his twenties (see Choice)
7.00 News
7.05 The Sicilian Expedition: Starring Edward de Souza as Thucydides. With readers Manning Wilson, Peter Howell and Eric Stovell. Final part tomorrow (r)
7.30 Proms 88: Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London. BBC SO under Peter Eötvös and Witold Lutoslawski perform Liszt (Tasso; lamento e trionfo); Witold Lutoslawski (Chain 2); Lutoslawski (Musique funèbre); and Bartok (Concerto for an orchestra). Includes **8.10** The conductor Witold Lutoslawski talks to Nicholas Kenyon
9.40 An Giall (The Hostage): First production in English of the Irish tragedy about the IRA's preparations for a safe house in a Dublin brothel. Written by Brendan Behan, adapted by Jeremy Howe. Starring Kieron Smith, Ann Callanan and John Hewitt (see Choice)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Schumann, Kinderszenen, Op 15; and Symphony No 1 in B flat (Spring) (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Closedown

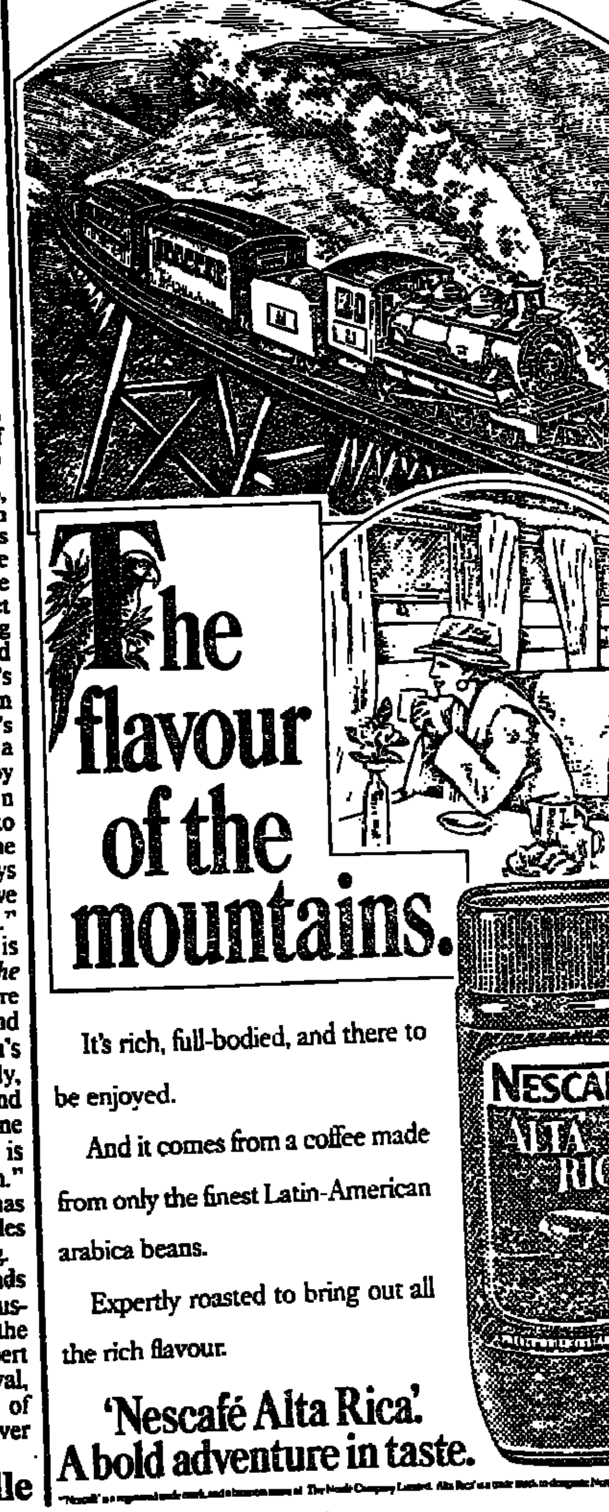
RADIO CHOICE

Brendan Behan: echoes of Sean O'Casey (R3, 9.40pm)

● **An Giall** (Radio 3, 9.40pm), Lorcan O'Treasaigh's English translation of Brendan Behan's *The Hostage* is the first chance non-Gaelic speakers will have had to compare this direct translation with our fading memories of the elaborated text used in Joan Littlewood's Stratford East production in the late Fifties. O'Treasaigh's version of this play about a British soldier held captive by the IRA in a Dublin brothel in 1958 brings Behan closer to O'Casey, and significantly, the brothel manager actually says at one point: "You'd think we were in a Sean O'Casey play." The writing in *The Hostage* is not in the same league as *The Plough and the Stars,* but there are many echoes of second division O'Casey in Behan's alternating moods of comedy, poetic sentimentality and gritty nationalism. Someone says in the play: "The IRA is as dead as the Charleston." Twentieth-century theatre has thrown up few such examples of doomed wishful thinking.

● **Standing at the Crossroads** (Radio 3, 6.30pm). Tony Russell's two-part profile of the murdered blues singer Robert Johnson is heavily adjectival, but the mesmeric nature of Johnson's style is coming over loud and clear.

Peter Davalle



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Local squads may combat benefit fraud

By Robin Oakley and Kerry Gill

Ministers in the Department of Social Security are expected to decide shortly to set up separate squads of investigators in regional offices to concentrate solely on detecting those who are defrauding the benefits system. And within this Parliament, the fraud investigation teams of the Social Security and Employment departments could be merged into one.

The idea of creating a separately funded anti-fraud agency within regional organisations of the former DHSS was one of 50 recommendations in an internal report now being studied by ministers.

As the new Social Security Department is now drawing up indications of the savings it expects to be made from the detection of fraud in each region, officials believe that the move to full-time anti-fraud squads is logical, especially since the 835 anti-fraud investigators in the Department of Employment specialise.

The internal DHSS report said; "The prevention and detection of fraud is an important and large theatre of social security operations". It argues that the resources of specialist staff are spread too thinly over 500 local offices.

The report notes that in April to November 1987, anti-fraud resources (there are between two and four officers responsible in each local office) were understaffed by almost a quarter. It recommends that fraud teams should be big and flexible enough to target on particular problems but local enough to understand neighbourhood problems.

They should therefore be run as separately funded agencies within the regional organisation. The advantages, according to the report, would be closer matching between fraud policy and day to day operation, more flexibility and an end to the borrowing of fraud staff to fill holes in the organisation.

The change would mean "the deployment of a skilled resource to achieve key objectives such as levels of benefit saving promised by ministers" and would raise the possibility of an eventual merger with the Department of Employment fraud teams.

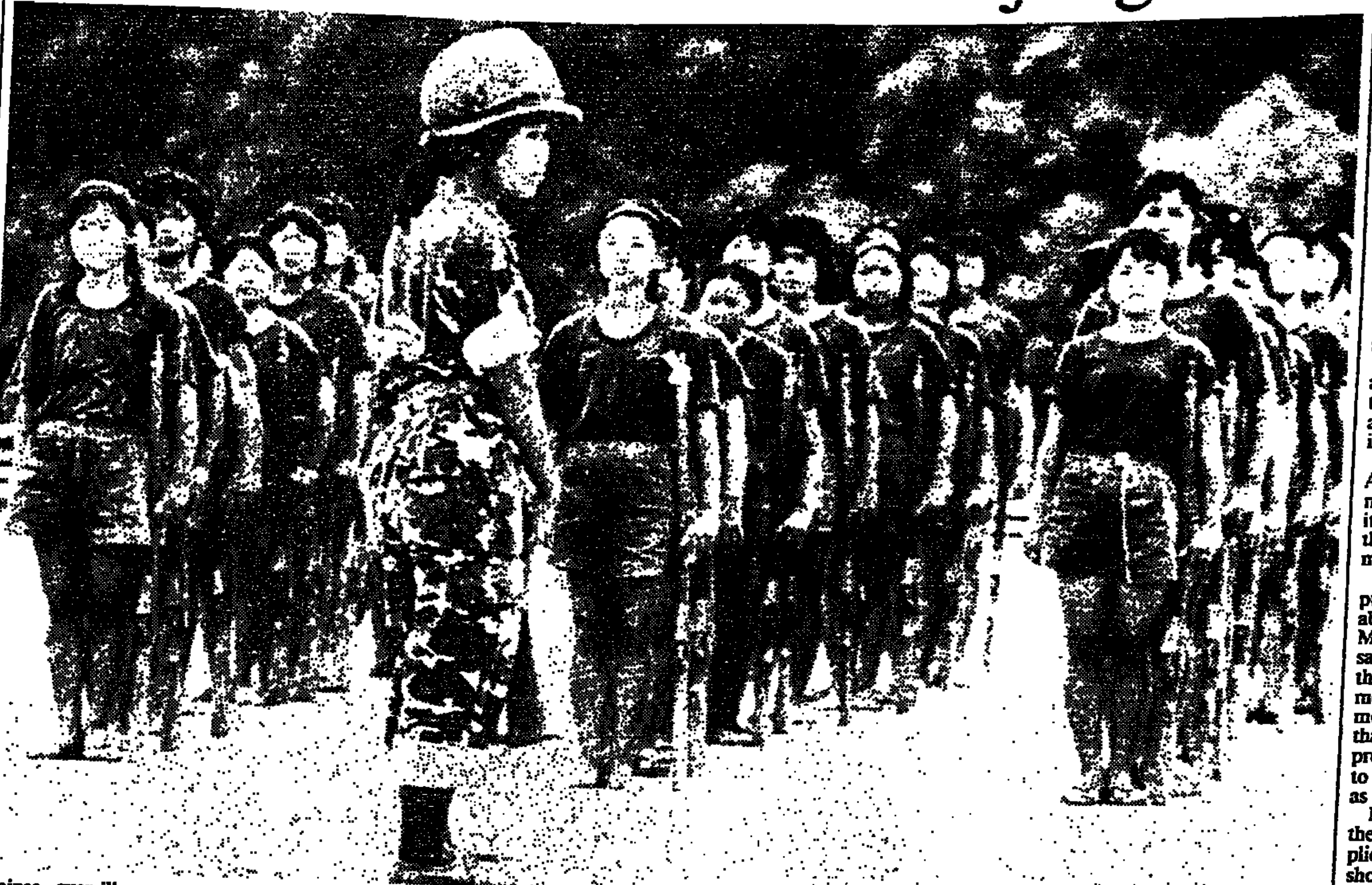
Of the 70,000 staff in regional and local offices of the old DHSS last year 2,724 spent some of their time working on the detection of fraud, resulting in savings of £196 million. Separate figures are not kept for social security benefit fraud, but prosecutions for both social security benefit and unemployment benefit fraud by Department of Employment investigators totalled 13,949 last year.

But the unions reacted vigorously against the idea of separate fraud squads. Miss Tess Gill, assistant secretary of the National Union of Civil and Public Servants, described the move as the creation of a "police force specially organized as a separate agency to stigmatize certain groups of claimants".

Details of the report follow news that social security offices have been set cash targets for the detection of benefit fraud. Savings in this sphere ought to increase by 22 per cent this year, the DSS said.

Miss Gill said she feared that the indications would simply be translated as individual targets for people working at local level. "If they do not meet the targets, bring in the savings, their jobs or at least promotion prospects could be directly threatened. It is a direct incentive to achieve these targets."

Front-line women in Burma's jungle war



Trainee guerrillas, wooden practice rifles at their sides, receiving instruction in Burma's Karen state.

The current nationwide unrest has, for the moment, overshadowed, but not dimmed the guerrilla struggle for independence in the jungle along the southern border with Thailand, which has been raging for almost 40 years. Only recently, however, have women played a front-line role.

The Karen National Liberation Army began recruiting its first women soldiers in March and about 70 volunteered in the first two months. There are now at least 100, most aged between 15 and 25. The Karens claim to have 20,000 male troops, though their real strength may be closer to 3,000. Traditionally, women have served in the KNLA only as nurses.

The Karens are following the example of the Mon National Liberation Army, a neighbouring guerrilla force to the south fighting a similar struggle for independence. The Mon guerrillas, less well known although they have been fighting the Rangoon Government for a similar period, first allowed women in their ranks in 1985. Today they claim to have 200 in their force of between 1,000 and 3,000 fighters. The woman instructor photographed with the Karens is from the Mon army.

Turmoil in Rangoon: Buddhist monks leading a rally demanding the overthrow of Burma's ruler, General Sein Lwin.

Tougher safety rules for pilots

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Pilots' flying hours will be subject to tough new rules the Civil Aviation Authority is drawing up in time for next summer's holiday peak.

The authority says pilots are now working right up to the limits laid down by law in a way that was never originally intended.

The British Airline Pilots Association, which has submitted five pages of proposals it would like to see included in the new rules, welcomed the move last night.

"If they are now going to put this into effect I am absolutely delighted". Captain Mike Wallis, Balpa chairman, said. "Airlines need to plan their schedules for next summer within the next few months and I therefore hope that the CAA is able to produce the draft for everyone to make comments on as soon as possible."

Medical experts working for the CAA have produced complicated formulae and graphs showing the effect of fatigue on pilots flying over long distances and crossing different time zones.

A series of anonymous reports to the Institute of Aviation Medecine has indicated that pilots are often unable to make snap decisions because of tiredness at the end of a long period on duty.

One pilot told how he fell asleep at the wheel of his car as he drove home after a flight and others have told of dozing off on the flight deck.

RAF refusal 2

Dr Ian Perry, an aviation medical consultant, has been pressing for action to limit flight times because, he says, he is regularly told by pilots that they are constantly fatigued, especially during the busy summer holiday period.

"Pilots who come to see me are often suffering from both acute and chronic fatigue because they have not slept properly for several months at a time", he said.

"Sometimes they are under pressure, through misplaced loyalty, to extend their hours.

"Because of the huge increase in the number of flights there really should have been a similar increase in the number of pilots which too often there has not been leading to those that are working to have to be on duty to the maximum permitted."

Balpa is hoping that the new rules will include:

- A ban on the extension of duty hours due to delayed flights which can mean some pilots can be standing by for up to 20 hours at a time;
- An end to consecutive night flights without allowance for greater sleep time at the end of the first duty period;
- New laws preventing airlines from rostering pilots for maximum duty times with minimum time off, especially where this involves flying sometimes during the day and sometimes at night.

Government eases nurses' pay dispute

Continued from page 1

Mr Tony Nicholson, deputy director of labour relations at the Royal College of Nursing, said the thrust of the letter was completely opposed to the stance taken by the management side on Tuesday which prompted union leaders to walk out of pay talks.

"We were given the clear impression then that the minority of the 77,000 nursing sisters would be graded on the G scale with the majority on the lower F scale", he said.

Mr Gurney's letter also made it clear that other nurses with special clinical skills would be eligible for grade G posts and that the scale would not be confined to one nurse per ward.

Miss Valerie Cowie, chairman of the staff side of the pay talks, indicated that she was keen to re-open negoitations "at the earliest opportunity", and a staff side meeting has already been called.

However, Nupe and Cohse leaders were more cautious and it appeared by yesterday evening that the Government had failed to shift its stand on the most contentious point, that only one sister should have a "continuing" responsibility for a ward.

It became clear that that issue alone could prevent the talks resuming and set a touch paper to the anger building up among nurses.

Yesterday 70 Cohse members at the Middlesex Hospital in London voted unaminously for a day of strike action on August 25, although the action must still be ratified next Thursday.

Cohse has 650 members at the hospital and next week's meeting will be held jointly with Nupe members and the Royal College of Nursing.

A one-hour stoppage will also accompany an emergency meeting at the Maudsley Hospital in south London.

How mother's milk helps babies fight cancer

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Scientists believe they have uncovered the first evidence that babies who are not breast fed may face a greater risk of developing cancer in childhood.

The findings are published in *The Lancet* today by child health specialists in the United States.

Results of a study indicate that artificial feeding could deprive infants of "significant immunological benefits" which may weaken their natural defences against some forms of cancer. In the study, the infant-feeding details of 200 children in Denver, Colorado, who had cancer diagnosed between the age of one and a half and 15 were examined.

Children who were artificially fed or were breast fed for less than six months were almost twice as much at risk of developing cancer before the age of 15 than those who were breast fed for longer than six months. The researchers at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Bethesda, Maryland, and the University of North Carolina, say that human milk probably has anti-microbial benefits which may be missing in artificial feeds.

"If human milk increases resistance to infections in infancy, artificial feeding, which provides no immunological benefits, may alter the child's responses to early infection. The interaction of the developing immune system and infectious agents may be critical to the individual's subsequent immune response to infection or reactivation of latent viral infections."

The cancer most strongly associated with artificial feeding in the study is lymphoma, which is more common among children with immune deficiencies, the researchers point out.

It is also known that the type of infant feeding can also affect other conditions later in life.

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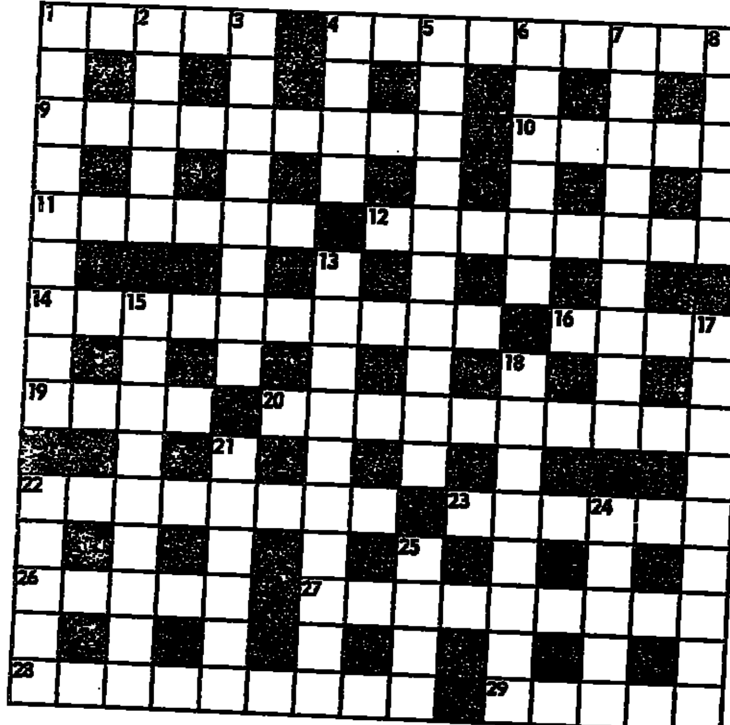

ACROSS

1 Stick flap back on (5).
4 Two chaps like Gladstone and Disraeli, perhaps (9).
9 Flower of opera, puzzled at being so called (9).
10 Plenty of drink in middle of hamper? No, quite the reverse (5).
11 One insect let out another (6).
12 Yield up so digger getting drunk (8).
14 Carrier of lines of excellent ancestry (5,5).
16 Strikers attempt to return (4).
19 Any sort of cocktail will do for an American (4).
20 Indolent type subsequently accepts returning to employment (5-5).
22 Deck run may be part of the course (8).
23 Join up at army church (6).
26 Conductor found in bus herabouts (5).
27 Creature snarling at gorilla (9).
28 Unhappy crowd indeed (9).
29 Railwaymen have points to look after (5).

DOWN

1 Travel agency for the young (4,5).
2 The name is right (5).
3 No requirement for sewers to take snowfall initially (8).
4 Wickedness that would need no introduction to a religious probationer (4).
5 Island with many acknowledged debts is given to instability (10).
6 Article in gold mounting say from Seville (6).
7 Bring in a worker of some significance (9).
8 Relation from Northern Ireland city quarter (5).
13 Pointers to quarrels (10).
15 Debtors grab new joint property holder (9).
17 An addition to the score (9).
18 Confine Brown without leave to military headquarters (8).
21 "...though she be but little, she is ______" *(M N Dream)* (6).
22 A safe stretch of water (5).
24 Change may be converted later (5).
25 Gate, we hear, used by Gray's ploughman (4).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

ENG LIT
By Philip Howard

DONET
a. A grammar or introduction
b. A verse form
c. A Restoration playwright

WODWO
a. A Celtic bard
b. A modern verse prose
c. A William Morris typeface

THE LAURELS
a. A group of Edwardian poets
b. Nobody's home
c. The poet laureateship

MARMION
a. An epic poem by Macaulay
b. A 17th-century playwright
c. A type of nonsense poem

Answers on page 18, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,745

D	E	C	L	A	R	E	R	■	I	S	O	B	A	R
O	■	H	■	N	■	X	■	J	■	P	■	L	■	A
O	V	O	I	D	■	P	R	O	M	O	T	I	O	N
R	■	C	■	E	■	L	■	B	■	R	■	S	■	K
B	O	O	K	S	T	A	L	L	■	T	A	S	T	E
E	■	L	■	■	■	I	■	O	■	S	■	■	■	R
L	I	A	I	S	O	N	■	T	O	M	T	O	M	■
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T	■	■	■	F	■	A	■	A	■	■	■	G	■	F
H	O	P	I	T	■	G	R	E	E	N	G	A	G	E
A	■	A	■	W	■	G	■	S	■	O	■	R	■	R
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S	T	R	O	K	E	■	D	I	S	L	O	Y	A	L

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WEATHER

It will be cloudy over the British Isles and with fresh south-west winds many places will stay cool. Scotland should brighten from the west after some heavy rain, although showers are likely later. It will be drier over England and Wales, but most places will still see rain at some time. Northern Ireland can expect showers and brief sunny intervals. Outlook: changeable, with the South-east the driest.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Madrid	31	88	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Majorca	33	91	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Malta	32	90	s
Amst'dm	19	66	f	Melb'rne	12	54	c
Athens	33	91	s	Miami*	31	88	c
Bahrain	36	97	s	Milan	30	86	s
Bermuda*	32	90	s	Montreal*	30	86	f
Biarritz	21	70	c	Moscow	19	66	c
Borde'x	23	73	c	Nairobi	22	72	c
B Aires*	12	54	s	Naples	31	88	s
Cairo	34	93	s	N Delhi	31	88	c
C'blanca	25	77	s	Nice	27	81	s
Chicago*	23	73	t	Oslo	17	63	r
Ch'church	7	45	c	Paris	23	73	f
Corfu	31	88	s	Peking	32	90	c
Dublin	16	61	c	Perth	18	64	c
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Rhodes	30	86	s
Faro	25	77	s	Rio de J	19	66	c
Florence	32	90	s	Rome	28	82	s
Frankfurt	22	72	f	S F'risco*	20	68	s
Funchal	24	75	s	Seoul	34	93	c
Geneva	29	84	s	Sing'por	29	84	f
Gibraltar	30	86	s	St'kholm	20	68	f
Hong K	28	82	c	Sydney	15	59	s
Innsbrck	28	82	f	Tangier	25	77	s
Istanbul	30	86	f	Tel aviv	31	88	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Jo'burg*	17	63	f	Tokyo	28	82	c
Karachi	30	86	f	Toronto*	30	86	s
L Palmas	25	77	s	Tunis	36	97	s
Le Tquet	18	64	f	Valencia	29	84	s
Lisbon	25	77	s	Vanc'ver*	18	64	c
Locarno	27	81	f	Venice	29	84	s
L Angels*	21	70	c	Vienna	29	84	s
Luxembg	22	72	f	Wel'nton	8	46	r
Luxor	43	109	f	Zurich	24	75	s

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	1.9	.05	17	63	cloudy
Hunstanton	3.2	-	19	66	bright
Lowestoft	3.9	-	20	68	bright
Southend	3.5	-	19	66	bright
Margate	5.2	.02	21	70	bright
Folkestone	6.4	.01	19	66	sunny
Eastbourne	7.8	-	19	66	sunny
Brighton	4.3	-	19	66	bright
Worthing	5.2	-	19	66	bright
Bognor R	5.6	.02	18	64	bright
Southsea	5.7	-	19	66	cloudy
Sandown	5.5	-	19	66	sunny
Bournemth	4.0	-	19	66	cloudy
Weymouth	0.8	.03	17	63	shower
Exmouth	0.7	.01	17	63	cloudy
Penzance	2.4	.02	17	63	shower
Scilly Isles	2.1	.04	16	61	dull
Newquay	1.9	.12	16	61	rain
Minehead	0.9	-	19	66	cloudy
Morecambe	1.0	.22	16	61	rain
Douglas	1.2	.03	16	61	cloudy
Buxton	1.0	.05	15	59	bright
Carlisle	2.6	.06	17	63	shower
Leeds	1.1	.10	17	63	cloudy
Nottingham	2.5	.02	18	64	shower
Anglesey	0.5	.01	16	61	rain
Colwyn Bay	1.2	.04	17	63	rain
Tenby	0.9	.08	17	63	rain
Aberdeen	7.3	.15	19	66	shower
Aviemore	4.2	.16	17	63	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.2	.27	15	59	shower
Kinloss	3.2	.28	17	63	shower
Lerwick	-	.13	13	55	rain
Prestwick	1.6	.05	16	61	shower
Stornoway	3.0	.24	17	63	rain
Tiree	6.3	.07	16	61	shower
Wick	0.4	.30	16	61	rain

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.45	6.6	2.59	6.6
Aberdeen	1.56	3.9	2.33	3.9
Avonmouth	8.13	11.9	8.27	12.2
Belfast	—	—	12.02	3.0
Cardiff	7.58	11.1	8.12	11.4
Devonport	6.49	4.9	7.02	5.3
Dover	—	—	12.05	6.3
Falmouth	6.19	4.7	6.32	5.1
Glasgow	1.17	4.5	2.12	4.1
Harwich	12.40	3.8	12.54	3.8
Holyhead	11.26	5.0	11.35	5.4
Hull	7.14	6.9	7.43	6.6
Ilfracombe	6.58	8.3	7.12	8.6
Leith	3.31	5.1	3.58	5.1
Liverpool	—	—	12.18	8.7
Lowestoft	10.17	2.4	11.09	2.2
Margate	1.01	4.3	1.03	4.4
Milford Haven	7.12	6.3	7.28	6.6
Newquay	6.02	6.4	6.18	6.8
Oban	6.59	3.5	6.59	3.7
Penzance	5.45	4.9	5.57	5.4
Portland	8.13	1.7	8.24	2.1
Portsmouth	12.06	4.2	12.36	4.4
Shoreham	—	—	12.22	5.8
Southampton	—	—	12.07	4.2
Swansea	7.22	8.5	7.35	8.8
Tees	4.25	5.1	4.55	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	12.37	3.9	12.49	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.09
Austria Sch	23.60	22.40
Belgium Fr	71.05	67.55
Canada $	2.16	2.05
Denmark Kr	12.79	12.19
Finland Mkk	7.97	7.57
France Fr	11.33	10.78
Germany Dm	3.34	3.18
Greece Dr	266	252
Hong Kong $	13.75	13.00
Ireland Pt	1.245	1.185
Italy Lira	2480	2360
Japan Yen	238.50	226.50
Netherlands Gld	3.785	3.595
Norway Kr	12.19	11.58
Portugal Esc	271	257
South Africa Rd	4.75	4.25
Spain Pta	219	208
Sweden Kr	11.51	10.91
Switzerland Fr	2.805	2.665
USA $	1.778	1.688
Yugoslavia Dnr	5175	4375

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 106.6 (June)

London: The *FT* Index closed down 4.5 at 1477.6.

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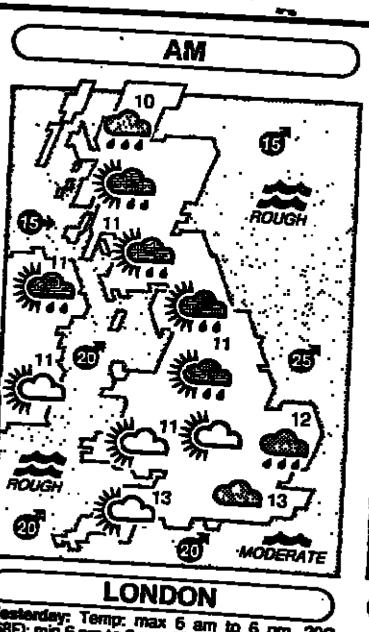

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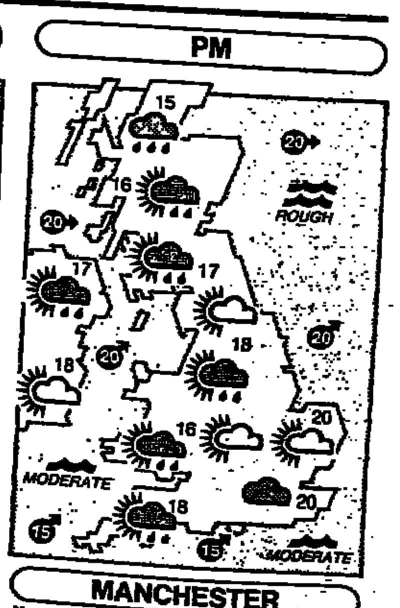


LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 20C (68F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6 pm, 69 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.4hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1012.7 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 3pm today.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.59 pm to 5.13 am
Bristol 9.08 pm to 5.23 am
Edinburgh 9.26 pm to 5.10 am
Manchester 9.13 pm to 5.15 am
Penzance 9.16 pm to 5.39 am

Sun rises: 5.42 am
Sun sets: 8.29 pm
Moon rises 5.15 am
Moon sets 8.41 pm
New Moon 1.31pm

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.13 Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.8hrs.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

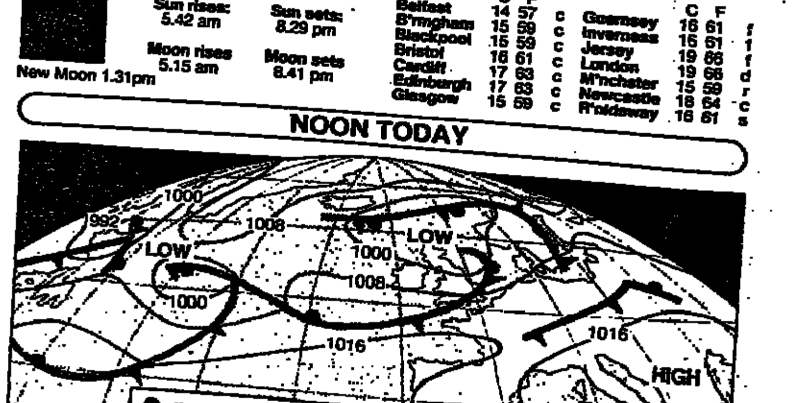
Wednesday: Highest day temp: Hemsby, Norfolk, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Fair Isle and Lerwick, Shetland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Strathclyde, and Machrihanish, Kintyre, 0.55in; highest sunshine: Skegness, Lincolnshire, 10hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	14	57	c	Guernsey	16	61	f
B'rmghams	15	59	c	Inverness	16	61	f
Blackpool	15	59	c	Jersey	19	66	f
Bristol	16	61	c	London	19	66	d
Cardiff	17	63	c	M'nchster	15	59	r
Edinburgh	17	63	c	Newcastle	18	64	c
Glasgow	15	59	c	R'oldsway	16	61	s

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS
FT 30 Share
1477.6 (−4.5)
FT-SE 100
1835.2 (−4.7)
USM (Datastream)
168.83 (+0.22)

THE POUND
US dollar
1.7010 (+0.0125)
W German mark
3.2285 (−0.0100)
Trade-weighted
76.9 (+0.2)

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FRIDAY AUGUST 12 1988

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Sotheby's hammers $36.7m

Sotheby's, the auction house which returned to the stock market in May this year, reported a 27 per cent jump in net income for the first six months of the year to $36.7 million (£21.56 million). Operating revenues totalled $171.7 million.

There was a big jump in sales as a result of auctions in North America, including the Andy Warhol Collection.

Steel banks

Lloyds Bank, the National Westminster and the Bank of Scotland are to act as receiving banks in the privatization of British Steel, processing share applications and issuing share certificates.

Interim up

Smith & Nephew is raising its interim dividend by 11 per cent to 1.55p a share after a rise from £48.4 million to £54.5 million in pre-tax profits for the 24 weeks ended June 18. **Tempus, page 22**

In the black

Charterhall, the investment company, made pre-tax profits of £12.4 million for the 18 months to end-June (£5.7 million loss in the year to end-December 1986).

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2026.67 (−7.47)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	27784.98 (+230.11)*
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2595.28 (+15.90)*
Amsterdam: Gen	271.0 (−10.0)
Sydney: AO	1617.6 (−15.4)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1464.9 (−15.0)
Brussels:	
General	4864.5 (−100.8)
Paris: CAC	351.2 (−7.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen	469.8 (−6.6)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	957.69 (−2.68)
FT.— "500"	1047.96 (−2.80)
FT. Gold Mines	188.9 (−1.5)
FT. Fixed interest	97.45 (+0.02)
FT. Govt Secs	87.92 (−0.06)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
A Cohen 'A'	900p (+75p)
Scot & Newcastle	340½p (+12p)
M & G	376½p (+15p)
BPP	375p (+10p)
Ranger	330½p (+10p)
Ruberoid	268½p (+10p)
Amersham Intnl	622½p (+11p)
Hunter	223p (+13p)
Gresham House	400p (+10p)
TVS	351p (+9p)
FALLS:	
Turnbull Scott	163p (−16p)
Moss Bros	220p (−10p)
Nobo Group	225p (−10p)
Allied Irish	244p (−10p)
Berkeley Group	310p (−10p)
Rush & Tompkins	270p (−10p)
J Smurfit	438½p (−10p)
Int Thomson	645p (−10p)
Amcliffe	197½p (−10p)
Caffyns	537½p (−12p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	24114

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month Interbank 11⅝-11¼%
3-month eligible bills:11-10⅞%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.03-7.02%*
30-year bonds 97⅟₁₆-97½*

CURRENCIES

London:	**New York:**
£: $1.7010	£: $1.7010*
£: DM3.2285	$: DM1.8990*
£: SwFr2.7029	$: SwFr1.5900*
£: FFr10.9459	$: FFr6.4375*
£: Yen227.57	$: Yen133.87*
£: Index:76.9	$: Index:100.0
ECU £0.644920	SDR £0.759834

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $429.00 pm-$427.95
close $427.00-427.50 (£251.50-252.00)
New York:
Comex $428.30-428.80*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept) pm $15.00bbl ($15.00)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Shell (02602) plunged 26p as 2nd quarter results disappointed, but BP (01210) rose 2½p on results; Hambro Countrywide (04253) firmed 3p ahead of figures next month; Amersham International (01005) lifted 12p and Charles Barker (01810) gained 7p on renewed bid hopes: Kleinwort Benson (01014) firmed 3p as American International lifted its stake but Racal (01245) shed 2½p on a stake sale.
- Amec 6½% conv pref 03412 joins the list today.
- Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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Investments in Gibraltar mixed with British funds, says receiver

Confusion over Clowes cash

By Lawrence Lever

Eleven thousand investors in the Gibraltar end of Barlow Clowes are facing even greater losses as further details emerged yesterday concerning millions of pounds of their money which was mixed with funds belonging to the British end of the crashed investment group.

The £100 million losses faced by investors in Barlow Clowes International, the Gibraltar company, contrast markedly with the position of investors in Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers, the British end. They have a good chance of getting practically all of their money back. Mr Michael Jordan of Cork Gully, the accountants, said he hoped that, as an interim measure, they would receive "a substantial" repayment by Christmas.

Mr Jordan was speaking at a creditors meeting for BCGM investors held in London yesterday.

At the meeting Mr Edward Dolman, the Official Receiver, said there was about £52.5 million currently held in Britain. This is roughly equivalent to the value of the claims from BCGM investors.

However, it was clear from the meeting that there is still considerable confusion as to whom the money belongs.

Mr Dolman told the meeting that the money in BCGM included £16 million of BCI investors' money, which seems to have been transferred to Britain in January this year "in order to balance the investments with the investors." This was while DTI inspectors were investigating BCGM.

Moreover, according to Mr Dolman and Mr Jordan, it appears that over a number of years sums totalling around £10 million were systematically transferred out of BCGM to Jersey, where they were mixed with money belonging to Gibraltar investors.

Apart from the intermingling of funds there is evidence that at least some of the Barlow Clowes investors had their individual money switched offshore into BCI without their permission.

The confusion is compounded by the fact that there are 10 different categories of investor in BCGM whose rights to the return of their money might not be the same. Investors' rights are likely to vary according to which porfolio they are in.

Those in the best position appear to be investors whose money is being held by Lloyds Bank as custodian trustee. Lloyds has about £6 million of investors' money. This money does not appear to have been artificially swelled by money from BCI.

The same can not be said, however, about the £18 million or so of the £52.5 million, which is held in five special trust accounts set with Midland Bank by various financial intermediaries for their clients.

Money could only be withdrawn from these accounts against the signature of the intermediaries. However, it appears that some of them suffered dealing losses which were offset by BCI money coming in from abroad.

The meeting was told that the Inland Revenue had investigated whether BCGM had been acting as an unauthorized unit trust. If so tax of "several millions" could be levied against BCGM.

However, Mr Jordan read out a letter from the Inland Revenue, stating that on the facts presently available it did not regard BCGM as a unit trust. The revenue says that it may change its view if new facts come to light.

A considerable amount of the meeting was taken up by discussing the possible conflict of interests in accountancy firms Cork Gully and Ernst & Whinney being liquidators of both BCGM and BCI.

However, it was made clear that potential conflicts would be referred to the High Court and both firms were appointed as liquidators.

Barlow Clowes investor Mr Hugh Jenkins demands an answer from chairman Mr Edward Dolman at yesterday's meeting (Photographs: Mark Pepper)

Watchdog rejects firms

One of the new City watchdogs — The Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers — has refused membership to a further 12 futures brokers.

The firms, mostly small, have been rejected because the AFBD does not consider them "fit and proper".

The 12 firms include three which have already been provisionally wound up by the Securities and Investments Board. These include DPR Futures, which used high-pressure selling over the telephone.

Those which have simply been refused membership include Farrow Ltd, Linwood Investments, InstantRate Ltd, Capricorn Financial Services and Prescot Commodities.

Two of the 12 have asked for reconsideration and have not been named. The AFBD has rejected 13 firms so far. It has 225 full members.

Rise in US prime rates confirms market fears

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Leading US banks yesterday raised their prime lending rates by half a point to 10 per cent, confirming market fears that interest rates would rise dramatically over the next several months in response to the inflation-fighting measures announced by the Federal Reserve Board.

Share prices dropped initially on the widely anticipated rise in the prime rate to its highest level in three years, before recovering some ground to show a loss of nine points in afternoon trading.

Tuesday's surprise decision by the Fed to raise the discount rate prior to the November elections has unnerved financial markets, even though the tightening was generally applauded.

"The Fed obviously sees more inflationary pressure than meets the eye — otherwise they would not have done it," said Mr Robert Hormats of Goldman Sachs.

At the same time, the increase in rates has put renewed upward pressure on the dollar, and led to widespread speculation that the Group of Seven nations will have to take dramatic action to hold the US currency within the upper reaches of their non-public target zones. It is widely assumed that the upper reaches of the secret zones are about DM1.90 and Y140.

Recently, as the dollar moved toward and finally pierced the psychologically important DM1.90 level, the central banks have struggled to hold it down, but they appeared to retreat after the Fed decision was announced.

Profit-taking started a wave of dollar selling, boosted by a warning from Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the German Finance Minister, of dangers from the dollar's rise above DM1.90. It closed in London down 2 pfennigs at DM1.8980. Sterling rose 1.25 cents to $1.7010, and was weaker against the mark.

It is now widely assumed that West Germany and Japan will move to some form of higher interest rates, even though this would be a difficult decision for the Bundesbank and may not occur for several weeks. Spokesmen for the G7 finance ministers denied strongly that there was an emergency meeting planned this weekend to devise a dollar strategy.

But it is assumed that the G7 ministers are in constant telephone communication, and that they could act before their next scheduled meeting in September in Berlin.

At they moment, they are pausing to see whether the dollar will stabilize of its own accord as it did on Wednesday, dealers said.

The next important test for the dollar will come on Tuesday when the United States releases trade figures for June, which are expected to reveal a deficit of $11 billion (£6.5 billion) to $12.5 billion.

If the deficit is lower than expectations, analysts believe this could propel the dollar towards new highs.

The negative pressure on share prices was expected to intensify as US interest rates continued to rise in response to the Fed's tightening. Other rates are expected to follow the prime rate rise, which was led by Chase Manhattan.

Bank's Quarterly Bulletin

Growth in demand 'must be halved'

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Growth of domestic demand in the economy needs to be more than halved, the Bank of England says in its latest *Quarterly Bulletin*.

Although the economy is much more productive than it was, demand is still well above the economy's capacity to supply. This is the main reason for the widening current account deficit.

The Bank says inflationary pressures are rising worldwide.

Higher capacity utilization, rising metals prices and the recent strength of the dollar have all contributed.

In Britain, a further increase in inflation is due over the next 12 months, but the Bank expects the peak to be below 6 per cent.

The balance of policies to deal with this situation is now much more appropriate than it was three months ago at the time of the last *Monthly Bulletin*, the Bank believes. The combination of interest rates 3½ per cent higher and an effective exchange rate at about the same level as the beginning of the year represents a necessary tightening.

The Bank will be watching the economy carefully to determine whether interest rates have been raised far enough while at the same time avoiding the risk of a "hard landing".

To reduce both inflation and the current account deficit will require "the rate of domestic demand to slow to less than that of productive potential". The Bank estimates long-run growth in productive potential at around 4 per cent in manufacturing and 3 per cent for the economy as a whole. This compares with growth in domestic demand during the 12 months to the first quarter of this year of nearly 7 per cent, compared with 4 per cent during 1987.

Strong public sector finances and the investment boom are more reassuring. The current account deficit reflects excessive demand rather than any underlying lack of competitiveness.

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RHM defends with £156m forecast

By John Bell, City Editor

Sir Peter Reynolds, chairman of the bakery and food group Ranks Hovis McDougall, hit back at the £1.7 billion takeover bid from the Australian group Goodman Fielder Wattie with forecasts of higher profits and dividends.

Launching his formal defence, Sir Peter promised RHM shareholders that profits would rise 34 per cent to at least £156 million in the year to September 3. The profits boost will be accompanied by a 25 per cent rise in total dividends to 10.61p per share.

Goodman Fielder last night described the RHM forecast as disappointing as it did not match some expectations of £160 million. GFW says that it will produce support for its claim that RHM seems set for profit consolidation and a declining real growth rate.

RHM's forecast, however, came as little surprise. Estimates of about £155 million were common. But RHM has kept a little of its powder dry by fixing a floor on the forecast, but no ceiling.

Now that the prediction is in black and white, it backs the board's case that GFW's 465p a share offer undervalues the British group. The forecast has earnings per share of not less than 30p, giving an exit p/e ratio of 15.5. Rowntree went out at more than 20 times earnings. But the Australian company already has almost 30 per cent built up over the past two years.

Texaco in big find near Piper Alpha

By Our Energy Correspondent

Texaco has made an important new North Sea oil find 117 miles north-east of Aberdeen, within sight of the wreckage of the Piper Alpha production platform operated by Occidental.

The discovery may eventually be brought into production using the same pipeline system used to take oil and gas from Piper Alpha and the nearby Texaco Tartan, Highlander and Petronella oilfields to the Flotta terminal on Orkney.

At present the Texaco fields and the Flotta terminal are closed while work goes on to isolate Piper Alpha.

Texaco said yesterday that work was going ahead on schedule, but it could still be some months before production started again from the fields.

The discovery in block 14/20 has produced oil at a rate of 5,824 barrels a day and 2 million cu. ft of gas from a depth of between 14,522 and 14,600 ft.

Further appraisal drilling will be carried out, probably using the semi-submersible drilling rig Benvrackie which made the discovery.

Dr Alan Cocks, Texaco North Sea's general manager drilling, said: "We are planning appraisal drilling of this promising find, which is only seven miles from our Tartan field."

Big two oil companies reveal mixed fortunes

Shell disappointment, but joy for BP

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Britain's two biggest oil companies alternately disappointed and delighted the City yesterday, with Shell announcing half-year results well below expectations, and BP returning a set of half-year profit figures above forecasts and announcing a higher than expected dividend.

The stock market price of Shell dropped 29p to 1,025p, while BP's price moved up 3.5p to 259p.

Although Shell actually reported a rise in profits for the half year, on a net basis of 8 per cent, to £1.455 billion, compared with £1.35 billion for the same period last year, its earnings in the second quarter of this year of £633 million were well below forecasts made by City analysts.

They had predicted profits ranging from £650 million to £890 million. Last year profits were £656 million in the same period.

On an historic cost basis, the Shell half-year profits of £1.557 billion were up 27 per cent on last year's figure of £1.228 billion.

By contrast, the BP half-year figures of £713 million on a replacement cost basis and £620 million on an historic cost basis, as well as second-quarter profits of £323 million and £357 million respectively, were in excess of City forecasts.

The announcement that BP will also pay an interim dividend of 5p, compared with 4.5p for the same period last year, and that shareholders will once again be able to take their dividend payments either in cash or in new BP shares, was also welcomed by the market.

Shell will not make its interim dividend announcement until September 15.

Shell's figures show that the company was particularly badly hit by weak gas sales during this year's comparatively mild winter. Shell was also badly affected by an explosion which damaged its refinery in Louisiana which cost £60 million to repair and meant that the company was unable to supply certain petro-chemical products when demand in the southern US was high.

Both companies reported falling earnings from their exploration and oil producing activities, due largely to the fall in the world oil price and the weaker dollar.

A spokesman for Shell said: "The outlook for exploration and production earnings for the rest of the year remains dependent on oil and gas prices. Crude prices have recently appeared somewhat firmer, but are likely to remain volatile."

Mr David Simon, managing director finance of BP, said that he saw the world oil price remaining volatile. He described the increased dividend payment announced by BP as "the best signal the directors can give of their confidence in the company's ability to generate satisfactory returns."

- BP announced that it is joining with Petrofina of Belgium, Agip of Italy, Veba of Germany, Elf and Total of France, and Repsol of Spain to discuss overall European oil refining policies.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

US insurance group raises stake in KBL

American International Group, the largest US quoted insurance company, has raised its stake in Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale, the merchant bank. The purchase of 1 million shares takes AIG's holding from 5.3 per cent to 6 per cent at a cost of about £3.8 million.

Mr David Peake, chairman-elect of KBL, said that the increased stake did not change the bank's relationship with AIG which was holding the shares as a long-term investment. He said that KBL's attitude to AIG was likely to change only if the US insurer bought more than about 10 per cent. The share purchase did little to raise expectations of a bid for KBL. AIG insists that it has no plans to bid, and the shareholding structure of the bank would make an unfriendly takeover attempt difficult to pull off. KBL's shares rose 5p to 383p.

Mersey Docks doubles profit

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, which controls the port of Liverpool, doubled its half-year, pre-tax profits to £2.58 million on a turnover up 3.5 per cent to £26.76 million. Interim earnings per share rose from 6.3p to 12.9p. As in the previous year, there was no tax charge. The company is talking with the Government about financial reconstruction. Following the news, Mersey Dock's shares dropped 5p to 396p.

Admiral pays £1m for Itech

Admiral Computing Group is to pay £1.15 million in cash and shares for Itech Information Technology Services, a software house with offices in Stevenage and Coventry. Admiral says the purchase will broaden its geographical base in Britain by complementing its regional network, and will widen the scope for recruiting scarce technical staff. It is paying £484,000 cash and the balance in new shares issued at 145p each.

Airflow buys Whiteley

Airflow Streamlines, the Ford main dealer and maker of motor assemblies, has paid £600,000 for S Whiteley & Sons, which manufactures cabs for earthmoving and similar machinery. Whiteley is based in Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire.

Airflow has also paid £120,000 for vacant land next to Whiteley's main factory which will be used to expand the business. Airflow says Whiteley, which also has an air engineering division treating toxic fumes from laboratories and factories, complements its existing cab-making business. Whiteley made pre-tax profits of £10,000 in the year to end-September 1987. Net assets amounted to £561,000.

West offers shares at 25p

West Industries, the construction to pest control group, has announced its open-offer terms for the subscription of a total 12 million new 5p ordinary shares at a price of 25p each. The cash subscription and open offer is on the basis of one new ordinary share for every three shares held on July 14. Offer documents will be posted to shareholders today. Applications must be received by Friday September 2.

Expansion for French

Thomas French & Sons, the manufacturer of curtain tape and garden hoses, has bought Lan-Bar, an assembler and distributor of bathroom accessories, for £135,000 cash. The vendor is Eagle Trust, the Midlands mini-conglomerate. Lan-Bar operates from Halesowen, West Midlands, and made a loss before tax of £116,000 in the nine months to end-December after non-recurring costs of more than £100,000.

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Abbey	1,222	Cons Gold	2.122	L&G	702	Sainsbury	1.459
Alld-Lyons	762	Cookson	271	Lloyds	730	Scot & N	1.598
Amstrad	2,608	Courtaulds	2,267	Lonrho	624	Sears	19.615
ASDA	2.493	Dalgety	1.662	Lucas	683	Sedgwick	165
AB Foods	723	Dee	169	Magnet	396	Shell	1,853
Argyll	1,366	Dixons	1.553	M&S	4.315	Siebe	292
BAA	1,183	ECC	999	Maxwell Cm	961	Slough	523
BET	3,284	Enterprise	257	MEPC	647	Smith & N	1.160
BTR	5.475	Ferranti	2.305	Metal Box	1.616	Smith WH	1.609
BAT	1.901	Fisons	1.247	Midland	1.643	Smiths Ind	1.014
Barclays	578	FKI Babck	1.106	Natwest	985	STC	1.203
Bass	654	Gen Acc	279	Next	1,929	Stan Chart	272
Beecham	1.831	GEC	2.206	Nth Food	537	Storehse	1.619
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Blue Arrow	5.814	Granada	630	Pilkington	1.035	Tate & Lyle	512
Blue Circle	705	Grand Met	2.943	Plessey	1,105	Taylor Wood	n/a
BOC	1.329	GUS 'A'	207	Polly Peck	2.673	TSB	945
Boots	2,201	GRE	736	Prudential	2,944	Tesco	294
BPB	600	GKN	1.575	Racal	18.409	Thorn EMI	983
Br Aero	1,346	Guinness	2,827	Rk Hovis	3,548	Trafalgar	792
Br Airways	5,487	Hamm 'A'	726	Rank	742	THF	1,441
Br Comm	1,106	Hanson	3,838	R&C	150	Ultramar	2.203
Br Gas	3,017	H & C	166	Redland	1.556	Unigate	2.859
Br Land	515	Hawker	67	Reed	1,365	Unilever	2.150
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Br Telecm	14.127	IMI	1.521	RMC Gp	573	Utd News	272
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Burton	784	Jaguar	1.253	Rothmn 'B'	928	Williams	2.035
C&W	1.308	Lasmo	1.825	Rowntree	n/a	Wills Fab	281
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Market just a little too sure of Shell

Analysts were a little too sure of Shell ahead of its half year figures. The group caught analysts on the hop with interim results that were about£100 million below average forecasts. Oil watchers had become over-confident.

This time, the enthusiasts were going for current cost profits in the region of £850 million for the second quarter, and were taken aback with a current cost figure of £657 million. The mayhem arose through a number of modest difficulties, which added up to a hefty number.

In a year of tumbling crude oil prices, upstream profits were always going to be under pressure, and Shell profits were expected to suffer the additional burden of a seasonal fall-off in gas sales compared with winter levels. In the event, there were also the effects of stronger sterling against the dollar and some taxation effects.

Exploration and production earnings in the second quarter slumped from £385 million to £194 million. Though crude production was down only 1 per cent on the corresponding quarter of last year, natural gas volumes dropped 9 per cent. Over the first half, exploration and production earnings were down 34 per cent at £564 million.

Elsewhere, chemicals was *the star performer. Over the* half year earnings ran out at £477 million, a 58 per cent rise in the half year.

Marine, marketing and manufacturing profits also enjoyed higher volumes and margins. Half-year earnings were £508 million, up some £98 million on last year.

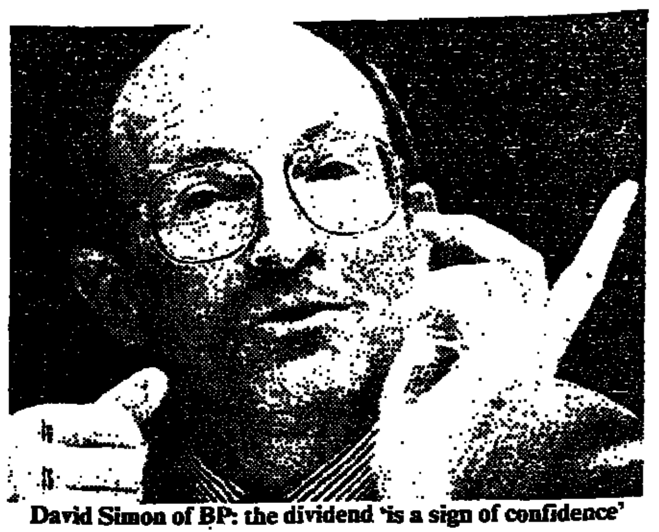
Shell maintains that, under the adverse circumstances, the half-year result was favourable, despite the explosion *and fire in Louisiana.* The company attributes this to the wide spread of activities geographically and industrially, though shareholders will take scant comfort from this.

The City was also left in the dark over the dividend. Sir Peter Holmes, the chairman, and the rest of his board have decided to announce the interim dividend on September 15.

In contrast, round at Britannic House, the BP board came down in favour of a ½p rise to 5p in the interim dividend, settling the long-running City debate in favour of the bulls.

Mr David Simon, managing director, pointed out that the decision should be read as a sign of confidence for the future. The dividend underpins BP's shares in the face of such imponderables as the outcome of the KIO stake.

Most analysts expect a final payment which puts the BP shares on a yield of roughly 7 per cent. This should more than take care of any worries *over a possible disposal of part* of the Kuwait holdings. BP shares responded well to a £40 million rise in second quarter historic cost profits to £357 million, gaining 4p to 259p.



David Simon of BP: the dividend 'is a sign of confidence'

Charterhall

Charterhall's chairman and managing director, Mr Russell Goward, is not shy when outlining his aspirations.

Trained in the camp of Sir Ron Brierley, Mr Goward took a 49.9 per cent stake in Charterhall in 1986 through the Australian company, Westmex, in which he holds a third of the equity.

Since then he has transformed Charterhall, taking it from its roots as a small oil exploration company to a *dynamic investment vehicle.*

His strategy is to build up worthwhile stakes in companies with a view to gaining full control. Contested bids *are not favoured so* unpromising investments are sold.

By this route, Charterhall is building up a stream of earnings from businesses under its control. Tandem, the shoe retailing operation, has earned between £4 million and £5 million since joining the group in January.

Meanwhile, the bulk of profits is generated from selling share stakes, and there is minimal dividend income from quoted investments.

Yesterday's results included profits from the disposal of some North Sea interests, *netting just over £3 million,* while the sale of a stake in Trilion, a television company, yielded a further £3.5 million. A miscellany of other share trades brought in £3 million of profit.

The imminent acquisition of Lennards, another shoe retailer, will make the enlarged business the third biggest in the country by number of outlets. The deal takes gearing up to 50 per cent, a level which the management is happy to live with. Charterhall's assets of £100 million include £25 million of quoted investments.

Charterhall is undoubtedly making rapid progress but it has yet *to be fully* accepted by the City. The shares, on a forecast for the year to June 1989 of £12.5 million, are on a p/e of under 6.5 times earnings. One to be watched.

Smith & Nephew

Every time the sun shines and joggers pound the streets, Smith & Nephew must clap hands. For as sun-worshippers use Nivea cream, and joggers rush for the Elastoplast, Smith & Nephew sales go higher. A replacement hip or a new knee is even more profitable.

Half-time sales were thus up an underlying 15 per cent in the 24 weeks ended June 18 (though held to a 6 per cent advance to £267.1 million after taking the impact of adverse currency movements *into* account) and pre-tax profits rose by 13 per cent from £48.4 million to £54.5 million.

The currency bogey casts something of a shadow over the outlook for the full year, *but the market and the board* remain confident of further year-on-year growth to underpin the group's reputation as solid and reliable.

Though margins came under pressure in Britain and continued de-stocking *in the* National Health Service had its impact, growth was good in Europe particularly in France.

Benefits of the October, 1986, acquisition of Richards Medical Company (USA) for £201 million are becoming increasingly noticeable, and this week Smith & Nephew enlarged its toiletries division with the £33 million purchase *of the Albion group,* through which its share of the British skin-care market is improved and its share of the British toilet soap market will go up to 6 per cent.

An orthopaedic manufacturing plant in Switzerland is up for sale, which should help the second half.

Takeover thoughts will help underpin the current share *price* of 120½p, as will pre-tax profit estimates of £126 million (£109.6 million) this year. On a rating of *12.9* the shares are worth holding in a portfolio which in current uncertain market conditions has first aid in mind.

More officials join former HKSE chief in the dock

Li faces further charges of corruption

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Eight past and present officials of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange appeared in court yesterday on corruption charges. The Independent *Commission Against Corruption*, the Crown Colony's anti-corruption watchdog, is accusing the eight, who include Mr Ronald Li, the former chairman, and Mr *Charles Sin, the present chairman*, of accepting share bribes from three of Hong Kong's biggest merchant banks.

The charges are connected with the listing of five *companies on the local stock* exchange prior to the worldwide stock market crash last year — Cathay Pacific airline, Kumagai Gumi, the construction group, Hysan Development, the property company, Video Technology International, the video game manufacturer, and QPL Holdings, the computer components manufacturer.

Those accused are Mr Li, aged 58; Mr Sin, aged 52; Mr Jeffrey Sun, aged 56, the former chief executive of the exchange; Mr Kenneth Wong, aged 57, Mr Cham Siu-leun, aged 66, and Mr Joseph Ma, aged 51, the current vice chairmen of the exchange; Mr John Chong, aged 53, a former vice-chairman and Mr Edward Woo, aged 50, a current member of the exchange's decision-making committee. All were charged under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance, which carries a sentence of up to seven years in jail and a fine of HK$500,000 (£37,000). No pleas were taken and the case was adjourned until October 13.

Mr Anthony Ducket, the deputy Crown prosecutor, said the ICAC was continuing its investigations, and that there was the possibility of more charges.

All eight were released on bail of between HK$2.15 million and HK$10 million, and all but Mr Woo had to surrender their passports.

Mr Li has already been charged with accepting a share bribe from the Hong Kong subsidiary of Kumagai Gumi, the Japanese construction group, as an inducement for listing its shares.

Yesterday he was charged with five more offences. He is now accused of accepting share bribes from Baring Securities, Citicorp International and Wardley, a subsidiary of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, in connection with the flotation of Video Technology, QPL and Hysan.

Out on bail: Ronald Li, former chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, leaves court

He is also accused of accepting a HK$630,000 commission from Wardley for sub-underwriting the Cathay Pacific flotation, and of accepting 500,000 Cathay Pacific shares from Wardley at HK$3.88 a share on May 17, 1986, two days after the shares had soared to *HK$5.15* a share.

Mr Sun has already appeared in court on charges of accepting shares in QPL and Video Technology. Yesterday he was charged with an additional count of accepting shares from Baring Securities in connection with the listing of Hysan.

The six new defendants *who, with the exception of* Mr Chong, had all been asked by the Hong Kong government to distance themselves from the running of the exchange when the ICAC announced its *investigations, face a total of 16* charges.

Mr Sin, Mr Wong, Mr Cham and Mr Chong are each charged with accepting shares in Video Technology, QPL and Hysan.

Mr Ma and Mr Woo are charged with accepting shares in QPL and Hysan.

With the exception of Mr Cham, all of the defendants were on the exchange's powerful listing committee.

CBI renews protest on electricity

By Our Industrial Editor

The Confederation of British Industry has renewed its attack on the foreshadowed electricity price rises next year of up to 6 per cent.

The CBI is already closely monitoring the effects of a 9 per cent rise brought in this year to see how it is affecting industry, particularly heavy users like steel-makers and those in chemicals, industrial gases, paper and man-made fibres.

This rise and the coming one could together add close to £900 million a year to business costs, according to CBI estimates.

The CBI argues that a business case for the coming rises has not been made out because the electricity supply industry had a return on assets in its last full year of 11.2 per cent

Belgium sets up 'Big Bang'

Brussels (Reuter) — Mr Philippe Maystadt, the Belgian Finance Minister, called for key stock market reforms, including an end to brokers' monopoly on deals, to update Brussels' financial centre.

Mr Maystadt said he would chair a new commission to discuss what he called "inescapable" changes.

A Finance Ministry official said the reforms could be Belgium's "Big Bang".

New study of funds' investment

By Maria Scott

The National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) has begun a study which could result in pension funds taking a more adventurous approach to their investment decisions.

"It has been argued that fund managers and trustees take an excessively restrictive and cautious view with respect to the assets of their funds, using interpretations of trust law, taxation and — in its widest sense — performance to justify this," says the NAPF.

A working party has been set up to look at the reasoning behind investment decisions, and to see whether guidelines should be issued.

Pension funds rarely invest in commodities, because the Inland Revenue considers this a trading activity and thus taxable.

Residential housing is another unpopular area but it is not entirely clear whether managers shy away from this for legal difficulties or from the possible moral conflicts involved if a pension fund, as a landlord, was forced to evict people.

Mr Clive Gilchrist, vice-chairman of the NAPF's investment committee, says an over-riding reason for avoiding some *investment* options could be that their performance does not lend itself to easy measurement over short periods.

The NAPF's latest review of pension fund activities comes a month after the announcement of its research into investment by pension funds in shares of their sponsoring companies. The working party came out against this and recommended that funds with shares in their own companies should reduce the holdings.

Job hopes boosted by best Scotch exports in six years

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Scotch whisky exports have had their best six months of sales for six years, with volume up almost 5 per cent and value showing a rise of 12 per cent in the half year to June.

It is good news for the big whisky makers as exports account for about 85 per cent of Scotch production.

In the 12 months to the end of June, Scotch earned a record £1.2 billion in exports, *with volume up more than 4* per cent.

Improvements had been sustained in the first half of this year, with export value reaching £562 million, Mr Ivan Straker, the public affairs committee chairman of the Scotch Whisky Association, said. They were the best half-yearly export figures since 1982, he added.

It means a better future for jobs in Scotland in the industry, promised Mr Straker. In the past 10 years, with whisky makers bedevilled by excess stocks, a number of distilleries have been closed down.

Mr Straker said: "The most encouraging aspect of these figures is that the bottled-in-Scotland product continued to perform strongly with both blends and malts doing better than last year. Scottish bottled brands account for 70 per cent of the volume of our exports and 90 per cent of the value. In 1987 *they earned more than* £1 billion for the first time."

The increase in Scottish bottled sales is also encouraging for the distillers because profit margins are usually markedly better than on bulk supplies, almost wholly malts, which go abroad for blending in various countries. Shipments of bulk whiskies have been falling, notably to Japan.

The increase in the Scottish bottled product is thought to be one reason for the jump in value of the Scotch exports. But prices generally have gone up and currency movements are also in some cases likely to have played a part.

What has still to come through is the promised removal of tax discrimination against Scotch in the Japanese market. Next April, provided final approval is forthcoming, the Scotch makers will be able to compete on equal terms with the Japanese domestic whiskies.

Without this there has been what Mr Straker described as an encouraging increase in exports to Japan. These have declined in recent years but the latest increase achieved is likely to have been close to 20 per cent according to initial estimates.

Most EEC markets are still showing improvements for the distillers, said Mr Straker. This particularly applied to EEC newcomers *like* Spain, Portugal and Greece. The EEC market now takes about 34 per cent of Scotch exports.

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The Leeds abandons plans for public company status

By Maria Scott

The Leeds Permanent Building Society has abandoned tentative plans to become a public company.

The decision comes less than a month after a similar one from the Halifax, and leaves the Abbey National increasingly isolated among the six largest societies in the debate over conversion.

Mr Mike Blackburn, chief executive of the Leeds, said the society had not abandoned the idea of conversion permanently.

But for the moment, he said, it did not believe it could justify the cost, work and time involved.

The decision by board members and advisers had been unanimous.

Among the six largest societies, the Abbey now stands out as the only one with a firm commitment to pursue conversion. Whether it finally does, however, rests with the members, and an anti-flotation group — Abbey Members Against Flotation — is campaigning against it.

The Halifax examined the possibility and abandoned it, for the foreseeable future at least, and the Nationwide Anglia has not seriously considered it.

The Woolwich Equitable has given an initial thumbs down to the idea — although it does intend to appoint an adviser to investigate the possibility.

One favourite for conversion is the Alliance & Leicester which has, so far, received a lukewarm response from members, according to market research.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Abbey said the Leeds' decision would not deter the board from pursuing its desire to convert.

The Abbey is committed to developing its current account and to expanding Cornerstone, its high street estate agency chain.

It believes that going public is the only way it can get the flexibility needed for raising capital.

Leeds Permanent's plans have more in common with the Halifax. Neither wants to launch current accounts, but the Halifax has already launched a Visa credit card and the Leeds will follow suit shortly.

The Abbey is now understood to have agreed a time with the Government for a flotation — possibly June next year.

Mr John Ginarlis, financial analyst with Banque Paribas Capital Markets, says he believes timing probably has influenced the Halifax and Leeds. But he believes they have also decided that raising money from the stock market will be more expensive than they had expected.

"Ratings in the banking sector are such that they would probably have to float with a yield of six to seven per cent, and dividends would need to rise by about 10 per cent a year. That is expensive money for them."

Another factor is the possible loss of the good image they have built up under mutual status.

Mr Alec Leaver, chairman of Abbey Members Against Flotation said he was delighted with the Leeds decision.

"I would hope this makes the Abbey board think again. It certainly should."

BAe investors back Rover deal

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry
Correspondent

British Aerospace will assume full management control of Rover Group by mid-September after the approval of the £150 million takeover at an extraordinary meeting of BAe shareholders.

Professor Roland Smith, chairman of BAe, described the terms of the deal as "extremely attractive."

Several hundred shareholders attended the meeting yesterday though there was no notable criticism of the deal and only half a dozen votes were cast against.

Professor Smith said 55 million proxy votes had been received and "there are only a small number of votes against." He looked forward to approval so "we can go on to concentrate on our total business."

BAe shareholders have agreed to buy the Government's 99.8 per cent holding in Rover for 2.7p a share and offer Rover's 60,000 minority shareholders £1 a share.

Professor Smith was asked to explain why those holding Rover shares should receive such "an extravagant price" and why more money was not to be paid to the many pensioners who would see interest on their original investment of only 0.2 per cent.

He said: "Bearing in mind all the aggravation if we did not get 100 per cent of the shares we thought the price fair."

He added: "If you look at the Rover accounts it is very difficult to establish a value but I think we have come to a price that is fair and reasonable."

'Terms are extremely attractive': Roland Smith yesterday

Questions highlighted concern about the control the European Commission will exercise over BAe's management of Rover.

This caused BAe to delay signing the deal, much to the Government's embarrassment, as there were fears any deviation from Rover's five year corporate plan would enable the Commission to reclaim the £547 million Government cash injection into Rover.

"This caused us to think fairly carefully in the last 36 hours before the deal was signed," Professor Smith said.

He was now confident that as long as BAe stuck to the "agreed formula" the Commission would not interfere and there would be flexibility to meet market changes. "Following the experience we had before signing the deal, we shall not have too much difficulty."

He explained the Government's conditions to deter BAe from selling off parts of Rover within the first five years of the deal relate to the marque names. Other assets can be sold off without the Government claiming back any profit from the sale.

Seagram and IDV in Far East deal

By Wolfgang Münchau

International Distillers & Vintners (IDV), the wines and spirits subsidiary of Grand Metropolitan, has reached an agreement with Seagram, the Canadian spirits company, over a joint Far Eastern distribution arrangement.

This year GrandMet and Seagram were involved in a bitter takeover battle for Martell, the French cognac company, in which Seagram succeeded with a bid of nearly $1 billion (£590 million).

The deal follows an agreement between Martell and IDV, under which Martell was responsible for the Far Eastern distribution of IDV's brands, such as J&B Whisky and Smirnoff Vodka and Bailey's Irish Cream.

Seagram, which owns Martell, Chivas Regal, Glenlivet and Mumm Champagne, will distribute Martell Cognac and Janneau Armagnac as well as IDV's brands in China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. IDV will distribute in areas where Seagram does not operate.

Mr George Bull, the chairman of IDV, said: "We are convinced that this new relationship will strengthen our international business especially in the Far East." IDV counts as one of the main players in the fast growing Far Eastern market.

WH Smith pays £7m for stationer

By Alexandra Jackson

WH Smith Group is increasing its exposure to the fast-growing commercial stationery market with the £7 million acquisition of Satex, one of the country's largest independent companies in the field.

Satex turned over £8.9 million in the year to last December, on which it reported profits of £585,000. WH Smith may have to pay a further £500,000, depending on profits this year. The historic exit multiple is 18 times earnings.

About 70 per cent of Satex's profits come from the £1.5 billion commercial stationery market. WH Smith already has one such business — Pentagon — which is expected to have generated sales of £15 million and profits of £1 million in the year to end-May.

Mr Malcolm Field, managing director of WH Smith, said: "This is an important strategic move for us. We see great potential in this market, especialy in the contract stationery market. We aim to build up a 10 per cent market share."

WH Smith reports results for the year to end-May next Wednesday. Market estimates suggest pre-tax profits may rise from £63.8 million to £71 million.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Aurum's just William

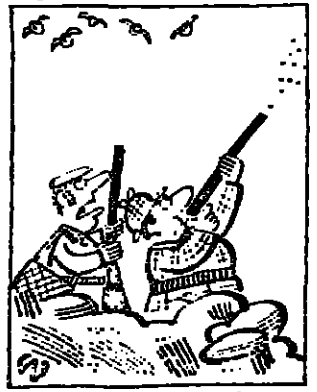
Aurum Press, a subsidiary of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group, has pulled off a publishing coup by securing the hotly contested world rights to Lord Whitelaw's memoirs. The tome, as yet untitled, is being written in Cumbria by the former Leader of the House of Lords. The book, due to be published next May, will be serialized by *The Sunday Times*. It is expected to chronicle everything from Willie's childhood, his challenge for the Tory leadership when he was beaten by Margaret Thatcher, his relationship with Edward Heath, and the years in office. These include the years spent in Northern Ireland, stewardship of the Home Office when Michael Fagan broke into Buckingham Palace, as well as his resignation as deputy Prime Minister last February. This followed a minor stroke two months earlier during a Christmas carol concert. But I have a word of warning for Lord Whitelaw if he is hoping that publishing is all plain sailing. Aurum Press, founded by Tory colleague Tom Arnold, and Tim Chadwick, and taken over by the RUG last year, published the PM's first collected volume of speeches, *In Defence of Freedom*. But it achieved notoriety earlier this year with its publication of Tom Bower's book, *Maxwell the Outsider*. After Robert Maxwell took umbrage over certain passages the book is now sold only by "discerning" booksellers.

Building a performance

When Peter Aldridge set up Needwood, the builders' merchant, at the end of last year, he decided to sponsor events which would give his company a snazzier image than others in the world of bricks and mortar. Now he has found a vehicle, backing a new musical about Jack Buchanan, the music hall star of the 1920s and 1930s. The idea came from Peter Woodward, son of Edward, "The Equaliser," whom Aldridge met while the thespian's son was playing King Lear in a production backed by Marley, the tile people, where Aldridge was a board member. The two talked backstage after the show and the young Woodward enthused about his plan to write, produce and star in the one-man show. The show goes on a tour of Britain next year. Until then Peter Woodward should stay busy — Sir Peter Hall's valedictory production of the three late Shakespeares, *The Tempest*, *Cymbeline* and *The Winter's Tale*, in which he is appearing, has just transferred from the National's Cottesloe Theatre to the Olivier and is set for a good run.

Hunt goes

Things never stay still over at Guinness Mahon, the beleaguered merchant bank which was taken over last year by Equiticorp, the Antipodean investment group. Peter Hunt, chief architect at Equiticorp of the contested takeover, has left Equiticorp and resigned his directorship of Guinness Mahon. The official version is that Mr Hunt wants to return to Australia to pursue other interests. Less officially, his relationship with the rest of Equiticorp's management has been more than a little strained of late. The Antipodean company suffered heavily in the stock market crash and its gearing ratios became stretched. Since then, it has sold off the non-banking parts of Guinness Peat, but is still saddled with Guinness Mahon, whose shares are worth a fraction of the purchase price.


"Sir might have done better spending his money with Barlow Clowes"

Quiet riot

Loudmouthed Hooray Henry patrons of City watering holes may suffer an unexpected hiccup after the licensing laws are extended on August 22. Although drinking will be allowed between 2.30pm and 5pm by publicans who can face it, there is a woolly worded section in the legislation that will enable neighbours of pubs and clubs, including businesses and schools, to have the former licensing hours restored if drinkers prove to be a nuisance. The main victims of the disturbance clause — which can only be implemented by a magistrate — may be bars where drinkers spill on to the pavement, congregating after other drinking establishments have closed. Until now these hostelries where bad behaviour is the norm have seen the worst excesses on Thursday and Friday nights. But the City and Westminster police fear the yahoo tendency will disrupt working routine. As one officer told me: "The City runs on business and, whether it is an international bank complaining or the chap trying to sell tobacco, they will receive a sympathetic ear."

● **It seems you can not afford to be in a hurry when choosing an investment vehicle. One of the main functions of the Securities and Investment Board is to keep a register of investment businesses so the public can check their status. But yesterday the computerized register was "down" from 11am, and callers were asked to ring back today.**

Rosemary Unsworth

Insurance merger called off

Royal Insurance yesterday announced that it had broken off talks with Compagnie Financière du Groupe Victoire, the French investment company, aimed at combining their insurance operations.

Royal had hoped to exchange shares for control of Abeille, Victoire's insurance subsidiary. The long-running talks broke down, however, over the complexities of combining the operations of two such large companies. Royal's shares rose 5p to 400p.

Fisons buys Italian firm

Fisons, the international pharmaceuticals group, has bought Italchimici, the Italian pharmaceuticals company, for £31.5 million cash.

Last year, Italchimici had pre-tax profits of £2.6 million on a turnover of £11 million.

De Savary plan

Mr Peter de Savary's LandLeisure, the property and leisure group, is planning a £200 million redevelopment at the former Westlands Aerodrome site at Weston-super-Mare, Avon. It aims to develop a business park including commercial, residential and leisure facilities.

Trust scheme

Shareholders in Marine Adventure Sailing Trust will be given the opportunity to extend the investment trust's life for another six months at an extraordinary meeting on September 2. The trust is due to come to an end on September 30.

Engineer gains

Davies & Metcalfe, the mechanical and electrical engineering group, made pre-tax profits of £723,000 (£412,000) during the first half of the year. The interim dividend is 0.67p (0.63p).

Profits leap

Profits at Metal Bulletin, the USM-listed publisher of trade journals and books, advanced 57 per cent to £503,000 in the first six months of the year. An interim dividend of 1.85p (1.65p) was announced.

Mosaic soars

Mosaic Investments doubled pre-tax profits from £486,000 to £976,000 in the year to end-April. A final 2p dividend makes a 3p adjusted total.

COMMENT

Will Lawson's balancing act stand test of time?

The present combination of exchange rates and interest rates is much more appropriate than it was three months ago, acknowledges the Bank of England in its latest *Quarterly Bulletin*. The pound is only slightly weaker in terms of its effective rate while interest rates are 3½ points higher. But whether or not it is appropriate enough is another matter.

The testing time will be the next few months. In the Bank's view the full effect of the 3½-point rise is not to be gauged merely from its size. The decisive switch of direction will have affected sentiment significantly and could even risk overkill. Although the money supply is unlikely to react without a considerable lag the runes will be studied very closely in the real economy, including the housing market, to see if the tightening of policy seems to be doing the trick.

It is no mean trick that is required. As the Bank points out, demand in the economy has to slow down, at least for a period, to below the long-run growth of productive potential. At the moment the gap between the two is large. Last year domestic demand rose by 4 per cent, in the year to the fourth quarter by 5 per cent and in the first quarter of 1988 by nearly 7 per cent. There is no reason why demand and supply potential should always grow at the same rate in the short run, but over the longer term if the growth in demand is substantially faster inflation will rise and the current account will move into deficit.

Because the economy is now performing more efficiently, productive potential is growing faster than it was — perhaps by 3 per cent over the longer term or the same as in the 1960s. But that is still less than half the recent rate of growth in demand. And because the current account is already in deficit demand needs actually to fall below productive potential for a period in order to shrink the deficit before allowing demand to move back in line with supply.

This does not need to happen next year — though many in the Bank think it should. On the basis of the present tightening of interest rates it is doubtful if it will. Much will depend on the Chancellor's decisions at Budget time. If the economy is still speeding ahead by next March then the prospect of another large net cut in taxes becomes more remote. Nigel Lawson can argue the case for seizing the political opportunity for tax reform once, but probably not twice.

Budget decisions, however, are some way over the horizon. Before then there will be further questions to answer on monetary policy. The rise in interest rates elsewhere, most recently in the US with yesterday's increase in prime lending rates by the banks, does not of itself imply the need to raise rates again in Britain. The test must be the outlook for inflation in the countries concerned. But changes in exchange rates can have inflationary implications as the Germans are currently being reminded. There will have to be a clear improvement in the domestic economic news during the next few weeks if another rise in rates is to be avoided.

Silent threat to consumers

Hardly surprisingly, the majority of consumers are unhappy about having their personal financial information passed on without their knowledge or consent. Indeed, few consumers even realize that highly confidential information is being passed from hand to hand without authorization.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim-Barnes, chairman of the National Consumer Council, has drawn attention to the situation and criticized banks and financial institutions for passing information on individuals to third parties.

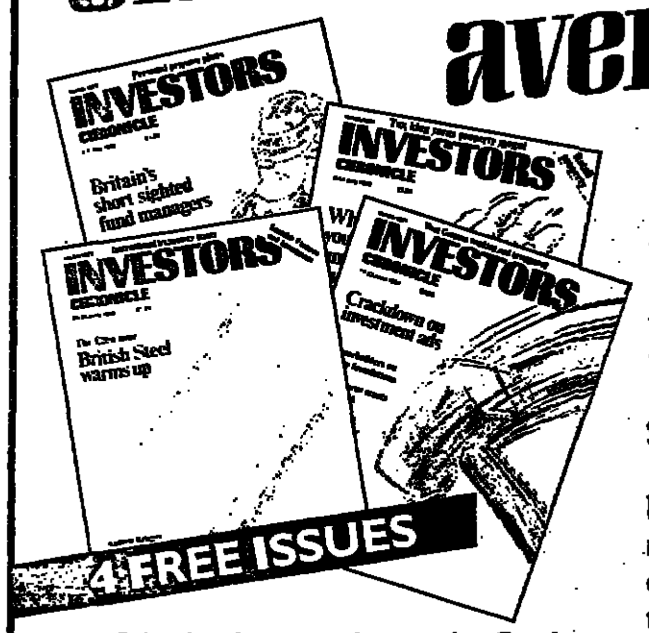
"For some time now, there has been an undercurrent of concern over the uses to which personal financial information about individuals can be put.

"There is an obvious incentive for institutions to use the information they hold about you through providing one service to sell you another. Wouldn't it be helpful, the bank may say, to draw your attention to the other services it may offer — savings schemes, for instance, or insurance. And, of course, some banks own estate agents, travel agents and even car hire firms," she said in the council's annual report.

The problem seems to arise not so much from information being passed to outsiders, although this does happen regularly through the conduit of the credit reference agencies, but when different parts of the same group dip into the same computerized database in their search for new business.

Against this background it is hardly surprising that there is a strong undercurrent of discontent at some of the lengthy questionnaires being posted out to clients of stockbroking businesses. It is not so much that customers object to their broker knowing everything from the names of their mistress's children to the colours of their socks, but in the age of the financial supermarket nobody can be quite sure where all that information is likely to finish up.

At the very least, as Mrs Oppenheim-Barnes points out, the cross fertilization of client lists generates a mountain of junk mail, which people neither want nor need. And at the worst, it involves serious breaches in confidentiality of information given in all innocence.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STOCK MARKETS

Sears rise prompts bid talk

A late and dramatic rise in the shares of **Sears**, the Selfridges and Saxone stores and William Hill betting office group, caught dealers on the hop last night and revived recent intense speculation that it may soon become the target of an unwanted £2 billion bid.

Sears ended 3.5p higher at 139.5p as at least 20 million shares changed hands in spite of a big profit downgrading by at least one firm of brokers which produced a few big sellers.

Hoare Govett met the company this week and has come to the conclusion that trading during the first half-year has been below par. It has reduced its estimate of pre-tax profits for the current year from £260 million to £252.5 million compared with £245.7 million last time. Other brokers are now expected to follow Hoare's initiative.

Analysts at Hoare reckon that its recent acquisition, Freemans, the mail order retailer, is likely to report a lower contribution than last year

Hoare's downgrading flushed out several large lines of stock, totalling 8 million shares, clipping 3p from the share price. But it later rebounded sharply amid whispers that Scrimgeour Vickers Citicorp, the broker, had bid at least 142p a share for 3 million of those shares on behalf of one of its clients.

Dealers immediately ruled out Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed, the owner of the House of Fraser, as the mystery buyer. Last week, he picked up an extra 3 million Sears shares, taking his holding to 10.3 per cent, after announcing his support for the Sears board in order to crush speculation that he might be considering selling his holding.

Sears has been the subject of intense speculation during the past year and is reckoned to be the last of the big break-up situations in the high street sector.

The rest of the equity market was treated to a steady trickle of bad news. But share prices managed to close above their worst levels of the day. helped by a steadier start to trading on Wall Street in the face of the expected rise in US prime rates.

Taylor Woodrow has been given Standard & Poor's top A-1 rating for its £100 million sterling commercial programme, the first British construction company to be awarded it. The group — being stalked by P&O which has an 8 per cent stake — announces interim figures soon.

An overnight 230-point rally in Tokyo had helped to cushion the effect of a 45-point fall in the Dow Jones industrial average on Wednesday night. But disappointing trading news from Shell and fears about a further rise in base rates cut short an early rally in London.

The FT-SE 100, which opened with a 2.3 rise, found itself 11.6 lower at midday, before rallying to close a net 4.7 down at 1,835.2. The narrower FT index of 30 shares finished 4.5 easier at 1,477.6.

Government securities, still worried by the threat of dearer money, closed with losses stretching to £¼.

Leaders saw **ICI** unchanged at £10.19, while **Associated British Foods** slipped by 4p to 315p and **Jaguar** by 1p to 277p. Shell closed off the bottom, with a loss of 29p at £10.25 after the figures, but **BP** firmed by 3.5p to 259p.

After weeks of mounting speculation, **Cable and Wireless** has decided to sever its connections with its rival, **Racal**, the electronics and defence group built up by its chairman, Sir Ernest Harrison.

Just before midday Cable and Wireless disposed of the remainder of its 17.5 million shares, or 2.8 per cent holding, in Racal through the market. Smith New Court, the broker, is believed to have placed the final 8.6 million shares with various clients at a price of 320p. Racal ended 3.5p lower at 320.5p

Dealers claim that Cable and Wireless has been allowing its holding to run down over the past week at least. But the timing for the completion of the deal has left many dealers puzzled — occurring just four days before Racal's extraordinary meeting to seek approval for the £400 million flotation of a 20 per cent stake in Vodafone, its cellular radio subsidiary.

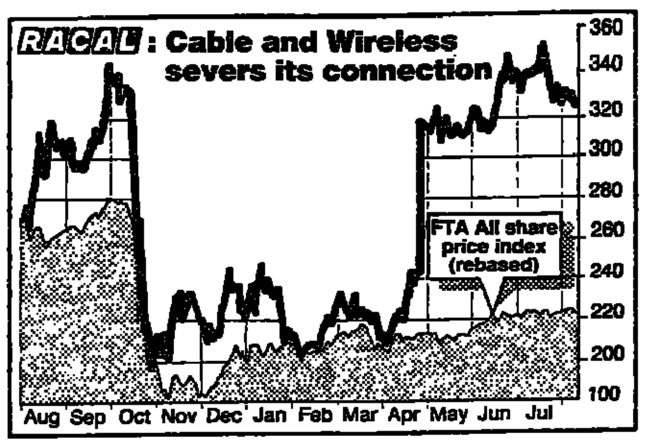
Racal has been running into stubborn opposition about the flotation from Millicom, the American group which owns 5 per cent of Racal. Millicom is insisting on a complete demerger which it calculates could be worth another 94p a share to Racal shareholders.

Sir Eric Sharp, the Cable and Wireless chairman, described the holding in Racal as "strategic" rather than an ordinary investment when he addressed shareholders at the group's annual meeting. He said that the stake had been gradually built up over a period of six months but declined to comment on future intentions. He had agreed that there could be interesting possibilities if Vodafone was in the same group as Mercury, C&W's own cellular radio network.

Dealers reckon that institutional support for Racal and Millicom is evenly split

News of the sale also lifted the Cable and Wireless share price by 6p to 382p. Dealers say that the sale of the Racal stake, worth almost £60 million, may dispel recent speculation that the group is planning a rights issue.

Michael Clark


RACAL: Cable and Wireless severs its connection

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Pre-tax: £1.26m
EPS: 2.64p
Div: 1p
Pre-tax loss for 1987 £2.94m.
Net asset value 159.5 (140.6)p.
Income from investments £1.51m (£1.15m).

NORDIC INV.TST. (fin)
Pre-tax: £4,000 loss
EPS: 0.12p loss
Div: 0.2 (0.2)p
Pre-tax profit for 1987 £0.06m.
EPS for 1987 0.25p.
Net asset value per share 67.8 (75.1)p.

TOKYO

Nikkei recovers from fall

Tokyo (Reuter) — Share prices closed on a high note, after the year's biggest plunge on Wednesday, amid renewed investor confidence, brokers said.

Mr Michael Cutbill, a fund manager at BTTR, said: "The reason it rebounded is because the dollar has come back down and because of statements from officials at the Bank of Japan that they saw the US discount rate rise not as something that would lead to a generalized raising of interest rates in Japan and around the world."

The Nikkei index rose 230.11 points, or 0.84 per cent, to 27,784.98. It plummeted 615.49 points on Wednesday.

Volume was light at 600 million shares against 700 million shares.

The index hit a low of 27,470.66 in early morning trade, carried down due to a plunge in Wall Street overnight on continued reaction to the US discount rate rise on Tuesday.

● **Hong Kong** — Stocks recovered to close firmer as concern about corruption charges against certain Hong Kong stock exchange officials diminished, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index finished 15.90 points higher at 2,595.28 after being 20 points down. It fell more than 54.66 points on Wednesday after a government announcement of charges against six past and present officials of the bourse.

NEW YORK

Dow up 2 points in early trading

(Reuter) — Shares were narrowly mixed in early trading yesterday, with blue chips staging a quick recovery after a mild drop, following the news that several banks had raised the prime rate by a half-point. Traders said that the market had anticipated the banks' action and was able to shrug it off.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 2 points to 2,036.14, but falling shares outnumbered rising ones by a slim margin in the broader market.

Mr John Burnett, a trader at Donaldson Lufkin and Jenrette, said: "Maybe the market will rally now that it (the prime rate increase) is out of the way." The 30-year bond price was up slightly after the prime rate was raised from 9.5 to 10 per cent.

● **Sydney** — The All-Industrials Index fell by 15.8 points to 2,589.9, the All Resources Index by 5.6 to 881.9 and the Gold Index lost 34.9, or 1.8 per cent, to 1,883.8. All had recovered from early lows.

● **Frankfurt** — The DAX 30-share index fell by 5.31 points, or 0.4 per cent to 1,168.14. The 60-share Commerzbank index, taken at midday, declined by 1 per cent to 1,464.9.

WALL STREET

	Aug 10	Aug 9		Aug 10	Aug 9		Aug 10	Aug 9
AMR Cp	43	44¼	Fedders	9½	10¼	Pennzoil	71⅛	72⅞
ASA	39¾	40	Fst Chicago	33⅞	34¼	Pepsico	34⅞	35⅝
Aetna Life	46⅞	47⅛	Fst Int Bncp	52⅝	52½	Pfizer	55	53⅝
Allied Signal	34	34½	Fst Penn C	11⅛	11⅛	Phelps Dod	37⅞	39
Allis Chlm	11/16	⅝	FT Wachva	38⅝	39	Philip Mor	89⅝	91⅝
Alcoa	49½	51⅛	Ford Motor	50⅝	51⅛	Phlip Pet	17	17⅝
Amax Inc	21⅛	22⅛	GAF Cp	46⅝	47⅛	Pilsbury	37⅛	38⅞
AMR Hess	26⅞	27½	GTE Cp	40⅝	41½	Polaroid	40⅞	41⅛
Am Brands	45	45½	Gen Cp	19⅛	20¼	Primerica	25⅛	27⅛
Am Cynmd	47	48¼	Gn Dynam	50⅛	51⅞	Proct Gmble	72½	72⅞
Am Ele Pwr	26⅜	26⅞	Gen Electric	40	40⅛	Pub S E G	22⅝	22⅝
Amex	27½	27¾	Gen Inst	30	31⅛	R Nabisco	49⅛	50⅝
Am Family	12⅞	12⅞	Gen Mills	48⅛	48⅞	Raytheon	65⅝	67⅝
Am Home	75¼	75⅛	Gen Motors	75⅛	77⅞	Rynlds Met	48	49⅝
Am Int Grp	59¾	60⅛	Gen Pub Ut	34⅛	34⅛	Rockwell Int	19⅝	20⅞
Am Telph	25⅜	26⅛	Genesco	4⅝	4⅛	Royal Dutch	112	114⅝
Amoco Cp	75⅞	75⅝	Georgia Pac	37	37⅛	SFE Sopac	18⅛	19
Anheusr B	29⅞	29⅞	Gillette	34½	35	Sara Lee	39	39
Arch Dan	19⅝	19⅞	Goodrich	45⅛	47⅛	Schlumb	33⅝	34⅞
Armco Steel	10⅛	10⅞	Goodyear	57⅞	60⅛	Scott Paper	37⅛	37⅞
Asarco Inc	23⅞	24⅛	Gould Inc	13⅛	14⅛	Seagram	53⅞	54⅞
Ashland Oil	32⅝	35	Grace Co	24⅛	25⅛	Sears Roeb	35⅛	35⅞
At Richfld	82⅞	82½	Grt Atl Pac	39⅞	40½	Sec Pac	37⅞	38⅞
Avon Prod	24¼	24½	Greyhnd	30⅛	30⅛	Shell Trans	71⅛	72⅛
Bk Boston	28⅜	29⅞	Gruman	20⅛	21⅛	Smith Beck	46⅜	47⅝
Bank NY	34⅛	34⅝	Gulf Westn	41⅞	42⅝	Sony Cp	50½	51⅛
Bankamer	14⅜	14⅛	Heinz	40⅜	40⅜	SW Bell	37⅝	37⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	37⅞	38½	Hercules	45⅛	46½	Squibb	62½	63⅝
Baxter	19¾	20½	Hewlett Pk	48⅞	49½	Sun Comp	56⅝	57⅝
Beth Steel	22⅞	23⅛	Honeywell	62⅛	64⅜	TDK	75	76⅝
Boeing	59⅝	61	IC Ind	33⅛	33⅞	TRW Inc	43⅞	44
Boise Casc	41⅞	42½	ITT Cp	48⅛	49½	Teledyne	319½	325
Borden	51⅛	52	INCO	26¼	29⅛	Tenneco	45⅛	45⅝
Bristl Meyr	41⅞	42⅛	Ing Rand W	35⅛	37½	Texaco	46⅜	46⅝
BP	51½	52⅝	Inland Steel	36⅜	38⅞	Tex Eastn	25⅜	25⅞
Brunswick	21⅞	21⅛	IBM	119⅛	21⅝	Texas Inst	41½	42⅝
Burl Nth	65⅛	67	Int Paper	43⅛	45	Tex Util	28⅛	28⅝
CBS	159⅞	161	Irving Bk	65⅛	66⅝	Textron	23⅞	24
CMS Engy	20⅛	20½	Jhns & Jhns	79⅝	80½	Travelers	34⅛	35
CPC Int	46½	47	K Mart	32⅛	33½	UAL Cp	92⅛	94⅝
CSX Cp	25⅜	25½	Kaisertech	17⅝	17⅝	USG Cp	7⅞	7⅞
Camp Soup	26	26⅞	Kerr McGee	35⅝	35½	USX Cp	29	29⅝
Can Pacific	17⅛	18⅛	Kimbrly Clrk	56⅛	57⅝	Unilever Plc	31⅝	32
Caterpillar	59⅛	61⅛	Kraft	54⅝	55	Un Carbide	22⅝	23⅛
Centrl SW	30⅜	30⅝	Kroger	32⅛	33½	Un Pac Cp	56½	59⅛
Champion	32⅝	33⅝	LTV Cp	3⅝	3⅞	Unisys Cp	33⅛	33⅝
Chase Man	29⅝	29⅞	Litton	73½	74½	Unit Brand	15⅛	15⅛
Chem Bank	32	33⅛	Lockheed	42⅞	43	Us West	56⅛	55⅝
Chevron	46¼	46⅞	Lone Star	32	32½	Utd Tech	36½	36⅝
Chrysler	22⅞	23⅛	Man H'nver	29	29½	Unocal	35⅛	36
Citicorp	24½	24⅝	Manville	1⅞	2	Warn Lamb	69⅛	72⅝
Clark Eq	32⅝	34⅛	Mapco	55⅞	56⅛	Wells Far	64	64⅝
Coca Cola	37¼	37⅝	Marriott	28¼	28½	Westg El	51⅞	52⅛
Colgate	42¼	42⅞	Mt Marrieta	39	39⅝	Weyershr	24⅛	25
Columb Gas	32⅝	32¼	Masco	26	26½	Whirlpool	25⅛	25
Cmb'tn Eng	33⅜	34½	Mcdonalds	44⅝	44⅞	Woolworth	47	48⅛
Cmwlth Edi	29	29¼	McDonnell	63⅛	63⅛	Xerox Cp	53½	54⅛
Cons Edis	43⅜	44⅜	Mead Cp	40⅜	40½	Zenith	20⅛	21⅛
Consol Ng	35⅜	36½	Merck	53¾	55			
Cont Data	21⅞	22⅞	Mnsta Mng	60⅝	63½	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	58⅝	58⅝	Mobil	44⅛	44½			
Crane	30⅜	30⅝	Monsanto	82½	85	Agnico Eag	16⅛	16⅝
Curtiss W	49⅝	49½	Montedison	13¼	13⅛	Alcan Alum	35⅞	36
Data Genl	17⅝	18	Morgan Jp	35½	36½	Algoma Stl	25.25	26.25
Deere Co	42⅞	44⅛	Motorola	43½	45¼	Can Pacific	22	22⅛
Delta Airl	46½	48⅛	NCR	55¾	56⅛	Cominco	18⅝	19⅛
Detroit Edi	14⅛	14⅛	NL Indstrs	6⅝	6⅛	Con Bathrst	15	15
Digital Eq	100⅛	102⅛	Nat Md Ent	20½	20½	Hawk S Can	23½	23⅞
Disney	61⅜	62½	Nat Semi	10⅛	10½	Hud Bay M	18½	18⅝
Dow Chem	84½	86⅛	Norfolk Sth	27¼	27⅝	Imasco	24½	24⅛
Dressr Ind	30⅜	30⅜	NW Bancrp	32½	33⅛	Imperial Oil	55½	56⅛
Dupont	82⅝	83⅛	Occid Pett	25½	26¼	Inco	35½	36⅛
Duke Pwr	43⅝	44	Ogden Cp	26½	27⅝	Royl Trstco	16⅛	15⅞
East Kodak	42⅝	43⅝	Olin Cp	45½	46⅞	Seagram	65½	66½
Eaton Cp	80⅜	81¼	PPG Ind	41½	43¼	Shelco 'A'	42¼	41⅝
Emerson El	27⅜	28½	Pac Enterp	43⅜	44½	Thmsn N 'A'	27	27⅛
Emery Air	4½	4⅝	Pac Gas El	16⅜	16½	Varity Cp	3.55	3.80
Exxon	45½	45¾	Pan Am	2⅞	2⅝	WCT	16⅛	17
Farah Inc	8⅝	8½	Penney JC	46⅜	47⅝	Weston	33½	33⅝

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon (*417)	390	40	47	58	6	11	14
	420	20	30	38	16	25	30
	460	5	14	22	47	50	53
Bass (*767)	750	45	55	70	13	27	30
	800	18	30	45	42	55	57
	850	7	15	-	90	97	-
Brit Air (*152)	140	19	21	24	2½	5	8
	160	6	11	14	10	15	20
	180	1¼	4½	-	29	32	-
Brit Com (*240)	220	30	32	37	4	7	9
	240	16	20	25	15	17	18
	260	5	11	15	27	30	33
Brit Gas (*183)	160	27	32	33	½	1¾	3
	180	10½	17	18½	4	6½	8½
	200	2½	6¾	9	18	18½	20
BP (*259)	240	21	28	31	4	6½	11
	260	9	16½	19	12	15	22
	280	2½	8	10½	29	29	35
Cons Gold (*980)	950	80	110	145	47	55	63
	1000	52	85	120	75	90	100
	1100	23	50	70	155	160	170
Courtauld (*343)	300	52	-	-	1½	-	-
	330	26	37	48	11	15	20
	360	13	22	32	26	32	35
	390	5	10	-	50	55	-
Com Union (*365)	360	21	32	38	17	23	31
	390	9	20	26	35	38	47
	420	3	11	-	63	64	-
C & W (*382)	300	93	100	-	1	3	-
	330	65	73	82	3	7	10
	360	36	48	57	7	12	17
	390	18	30	38	18	22	30
GEC (*161)	140	24	30	35	1	3	5
	160	8	14	16	5	8	11
	180	2½	6	10	21	21	24
GKN (*325)	300	29	38	44	5	9	16
	330	11	20	27	18	22	30
	360	3	9	14	45	46	49
Grand Met (*506)	420	90	-	-	1	-	-
	460	53	68	73	5½	10	16
	500	25	42	48	18	23	32
	550	7	19	25	55	57	62
ICI (*1027)	900	127	150	-	4	12	-
	950	82	113	-	14	25	-
	1000	50	78	-	31	40	-
	1100	12	35	-	105	105	-
Jaguar (*277)	240	43	50	-	3	6	-
	260	25	33	45	6	12	16
	280	13	24	32	15	19	24
	300	6	14	22	29	32	36
Land Sec (*575)	500	85	95	107	3	7	15
	550	42	55	70	14	23	28
	600	15	27	40	37	45	50
M & S (*187)	160	15	18	21	3	6	7
	180	3	7	9	15	17	18
	200	1½	2½	-	34	36	-
R-Royce (*139)	130	14	18	22	3	6	8
	140	7½	12½	16	8	10	13
	160	2	5	8½	23	24	28
STC (*285)	260	29	44	50	3	7	11
	280	18	30	35	10	14	20
	300	8	20	25	22	26	30
Sainsbury (*215)	200	23	29	34	2	4	5
	220	8	18	22	10	12	14
	240	2	7	-	26	27	-
	260	1	3	-	46	46	-
Shell (*1023)	950	85	-	-	15	-	-
	1000	52	-	-	35	-	-
	1100	15	38	48	105	110	125
Storehse (*232)	240	13	24	31	16	20	24
	260	7	15	23	30	32	35
	280	4	10	-	50	50	-
Trafalgar (*315)	280	45	50	55	3	7	9
	300	28	35	40	7	14	18
	330	10	17	25	22	32	35
TSB (*109)	90	19	20	-	1	1½	-
	100	9	12	-	2	4	-
	110	3	6½	8	7	7½	9½
Ultramar (*280)	280	23	37	45	17	25	32
	300	15	27	35	30	35	43
	330	7½	14	-	51	54	-
Woolworth (*278)	260	28	35	40	2	3	5
	280	10	17	23	8	12	14
	300	4	9	14	23	25	27
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad (*219)	200	26	31	40	5	8	11
	220	11	19	27	11	15	16
	240	4	11	17	24	26	28
Barclays (*403)	360	47	50	-	1½	7	-
	395	19	27	-	14	20	-
	429	3	13	-	40	42	-
Beecham (*487)	420	74	80	90	½	4	6
	460	38	48	60	5	12	18
	500	12	26	37	22	31	35
Boots (*227)	200	32	38	44	1½	4	6
	220	15	21	31	6	10	12
	240	6	12	21	16	19	23
BTR (*287)	260	31	36	44	2	4½	6½
	280	15½	22	31	7	12	13
	300	5½	12	20	21	23	25
Blue Circ (*456)	390	73	82	95	3	7	12
	420	47	60	75	8	14	20
	460	18	37	50	23	33	37
	500	6	19	33	53	55	60
Dixons (*179)	160	22	27	33	1½	4	6
	180	8	14	21	9	11	15
	200	2	6	11	24	25	27

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Glaxo (*954)	900	73	90	117	13	34	42
	950	40	59	90	30	57	65
	1000	19	40	65	65	87	93
	1100	4	15	-	160	163	-
Hanson (*138)	120	20½	23½	-	½	1½	-
	130	11	15½	16½	1	3¼	4¾
	140	4½	8½	10½	4½	7¼	9
	160	½	2	4	22	23	23½
Hawker (*514)	460	68	77	90	3	5	9
	500	35	47	60	9	20	25
	550	10	20	35	40	48	50
Hillsdown (*277)	260	24	30	38	2	7	9
	280	11	17	22	11	13	16
	300	3	8	13	24	27	33
Lonrho (*233)	220	14	21	-	4	8	-
	240	4½	11½	16	14	18	23
	260	1½	5	8	33	35	37
Midland (*423)	390	42	53	-	3	7	-
	420	18	30	42	11	15	28
	460	4	11	17	40	40	47
Sears (*135)	110	28½	30	34½	1	1½	[illegible]
	120	19	22	27	1½	3½	[illegible]
	130	11	16	20	4	6½	[illegible]
Tesco (*146)	140	12	17	21	2½	4	6
	160	2	5	9	15	16	17
	180	1	2	4	36	36	36
Thorn EMI (*658)	550	120	130	-	1	2	4
	600	70	82	95	2	6	12
	650	21	50	62	12	20	28
	700	4	23	35	45	47	50
THF (*249)	220	30	37	40	1	3	7½
	240	15	23	27	5½	9	15
	260	5½	12½	16	17	19	25
Unilever (*459)	420	50	60	-	3	7½	-
	450	19	32	42	14	20	28
	500	6	14	23	43	48	50
Wellcome (*515)	500	32	51	67	11	22	28
	550	9	25	42	41	48	53
	600	2½	12	25	86	88	90
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*274)	255	24	-	-	6½	-	-
	280	14	22	28	13	17	19
	300	6	13	19	28	29	30
Brit Aero (*490)	420	78	95	-	4½	10	-
	460	45	65	73	14	23	28
	500	23	45	55	33	42	48
	550	8	23	33	70	75	80
BAT Ind (*422)	390	42	54	58	8	13	18
	420	23	35	42	20	28	32
	460	9	18	24	50	52	57
	500	3	-	-	85	-	-
Brit Tele (*240)	220	31	34	38	4	7	8
	240	15	20	26	9	13	14
	260	5	11	16	22	25	25
Cadbury (*372)	330	57	73	-	5	9	-
	360	38	49	60	18	21	25
	390	22	32	40	30	35	40
	420	13	22	30	52	55	60
Guinness (*319)	280	47	55	-	3	6	-
	300	32	40	47	9	14	18
	330	14	25	30	22	27	30
	360	5	13	18	45	47	50
Ladbroke (*447)	390	63	75	-	3	5½	-
	420	40	53	60	10	14	[illegible]
	460	17	30	36	29	33	34
LASMO (*440)	390	66	85	-	9	17	-
	420	42½	64	78	17	27	40
	460	21	40	55	40	50	60
	500	10	24½	-	65	73	-
Pilkington (*214)	180	42	47	-	2	4	-
	200	26	32	35	5	10	13
	220	12	18	23	13	18	[illegible]
	240	6	12	14	30	35	37
Plessey (*161)	140	27	32	37	1½	4	5
	160	13	19	24	8	11	14
	180	6	11	15	20	23	25
P & O (*579)	500	87	100	-	5	10	-
	550	47	62	72	17	25	32
	600	20	37	45	44	50	60
Prudential (*159)	160	8	13	15	9	10	12
	170	4	-	-	14	-	-
	180	1½	4	7	25	26	27
Racal (*321)	300	37	45	54	10	13	16
	330	19	30	35	22	28	30
	360	10	18	25	45	46	[illegible]
RTZ (*423)	360	80	95	-	4	8	-
	390	54	70	80	7	13	20
	420	37	50	62	19	28	35
	460	18	30	40	45	52	60
Vaal Reefs (*$74)	70	8	10	14	3½	6	7
	80	4½	6	9	9	13	14
	90	2½	4	-	19	22	-
Tr 12% 1995 (*108)	110	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2⅜	2⅝	2⅝
	112	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	114	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	116	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FT-SE INDEX (*1833)

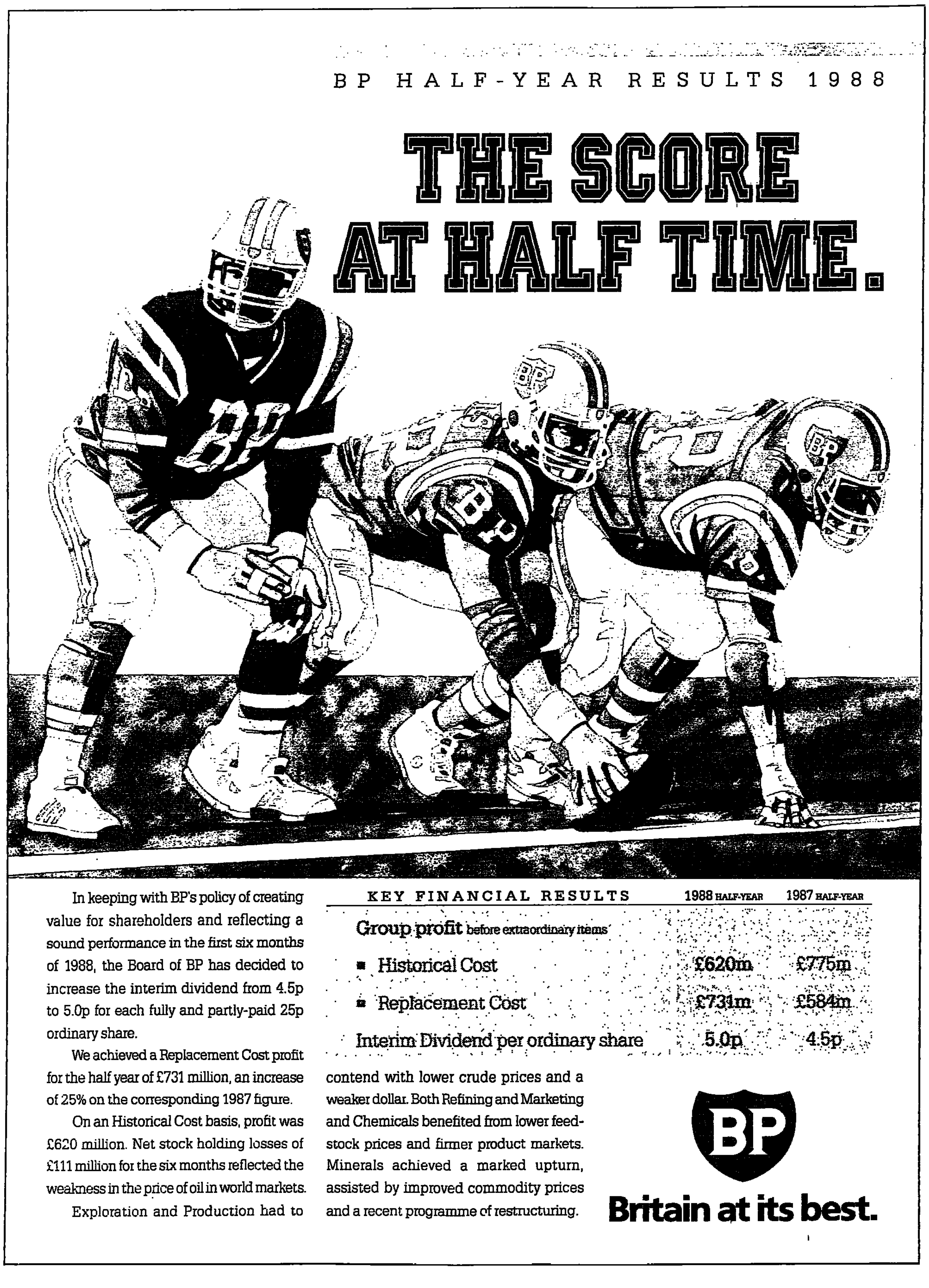
Series	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1700	142	141	150	156	2	9	14	23
1750	90	97	110	120	5	15	25	33
1800	45	61	77	85	12	27	42	52
1850	14	33	47	58	33	53	63	75
1900	5	16	27	36	75	87	95	103
1950	2	8	15	23	123	128	130	137
2000	1	4	8	14	170	175	177	175

August 11, 1988 Total: 35619 Calls 20020 Puts 15598 FT-SE: Calls n/a Puts n/a
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings August 8 Last Dealings August 19 Last Declaration November 10 For Settlement November 21

Call options were taken out on: 11/8/88 Vival Holdings, Millers, West Trust, Invergordon, FKI, Acorn Securities, Control Securities, BOMS, Amstrad, Borthwick, JE England, Cowan de Groot, Blue Arrow, Mrs Fields, Bassett Foods, Sound Diffusion, Pearson, Porter & Chadburn, Amersham International, Owners Abroad.
Puts & Calls: Highgate & Job, Inoco.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On an Historical Cost basis, profit was £620 million. Net stock holding losses of £111 million for the six months reflected the weakness in the price of oil in world markets.

Exploration and Production had to contend with lower crude prices and a weaker dollar. Both Refining and Marketing and Chemicals benefited from lower feedstock prices and firmer product markets. Minerals achieved a marked upturn, assisted by improved commodity prices and a recent programme of restructuring.

KEY FINANCIAL RESULTS	1988 HALF-YEAR	1987 HALF-YEAR
Group profit before extraordinary items		
■ Historical Cost	£620m	£775m
■ Replacement Cost	£731m	£584m
Interim Dividend per ordinary share	5.0p	4.5p

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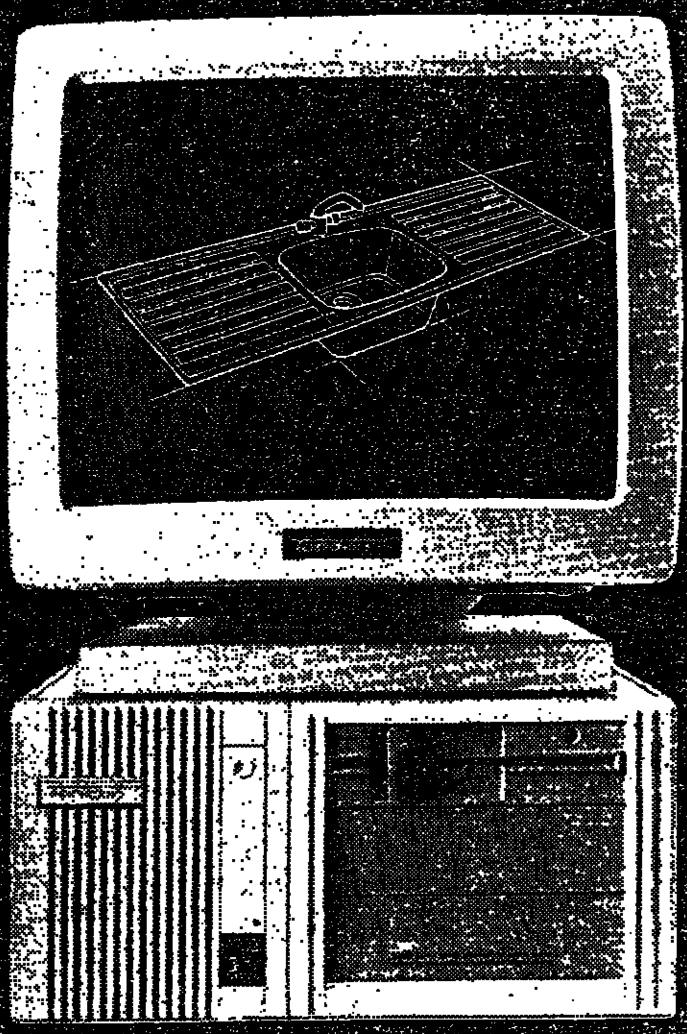

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	111.8	118.7	-0.2	8.42
Hi Inc Equity	120.1	127.7●	-1.0	4.88
Worldwide Bd	190.4	201.8●	-0.8	4.81
American Gth	148.3	157.7	-4.3	1.38
Asian Pacific	70.98	75.92	-2.29	1.40
Assets & Earns	146.2	155.5	-2.8	1.17
Capital Res	79.70	79.78	-0.01	3.78
Comm Energy	96.48	103.2	-1.73	1.12
Euro Capital	70.06	74.94	-0.87	1.00
General	165.6	176.0●	-1.2	2.56
Japan	92.22	98.64	+0.64	0.00
UK Gth Inc	130.4	139.4	-2.0	2.11
Do Acc	192.3	205.8	-2.8	1.43
US Emerg Co	44.16	46.97	-1.16	0.00
Income Gth	260.1	276.7	-2.3	3.43
Master Acc	73.41	78.51	-0.85	2.41
American Inc	42.61	45.58●	-1.06	6.01
Ethical Tst	45.27	48.41	-0.17	2.58

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10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	40.60	43.29	-1.26	2.13
Australian	24.84	26.43	-0.16	1.31
Euro Tst	42.20	44.73	-0.42	0.00
Extra Inc	38.90	41.29	-0.38	5.19
Fund Invest	98.96	105.1	-0.26	1.01
Do Acc	149.9	159.3	-0.4	1.01
Gt/Fxd Interest	22.76	24.22	..	9.87
Global Income	35.96	38.28	-0.32	5.06
Income Growth	67.94	72.27●	+2.22	4.19
Japan Gen	164.7	175.2c	+0.7	0.01
N Amer Inc	25.78	27.36	-0.57	3.31
Special Sits	65.01	69.17	-0.38	1.28
UK Growth	32.69	34.70	..	0.00
World Gth	39.90	42.35	-0.51	1.13

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	106.6	114.3	-0.9	1.05
Exempt	399.1	420.5●	-2.2	4.54
Far Eastern	220.0	235.1	+0.2	0.00
Fin & Prop	81.60	86.44●	-0.42	2.44
Hi Yield	77.95	82.60	-0.19	4.59
Income & Gth	312.9	331.4	-1.4	4.29
Intl Earnings	181.0	191.7	-1.0	2.89
Int Gth Inc	88.80	94.58	-0.11	0.23
Japan Gth Acc	154.9	165.6	+1.8	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	113.8	122.3●	-2.2	2.58
Preference Inc	133.4	141.2	-0.4	8.59
Sml Co Div Inc	95.9	101.5●	-0.1	4.32
Sml Co Gth	273.4	325.1●	-8.9	1.48
Spec Sits Inc	136.7	144.8	-1.0	1.43
UK Growth	378.5	401.1●	-2.3	3.24

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 28291 dealing:0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	296.4	315.6	-2.4	4.70
Equity Inc	173.2	184.4●	-1.5	4.23
High Yield	174.2	185.5	-1.7	5.03
Balanced	420.7	447.9	-4.8	3.22
Amer Inc	28.21	30.04●	-0.19	4.30
World Ass Val	27.77	28.83●	-0.18	1.04
Japan	139.2	148.2	-4.1	0.01
Sec of Amer	180.6	192.3	-2.8	1.05
Asset Value	323.5	344.5	-3.3	2.89
O'seas Earn	208.8	222.3	-2.2	3.15
Recovery	100.6	107.1	-1.2	2.91
UK Spec Sits	264.1	281.2	-4.0	2.57
Smlr Co	171.0	182.1●	-1.3	2.22
Capital	256.3	271.8	-3.0	2.93
Amer Spec Sit	62.45	66.50	-0.64	1.49
International	92.31	98.31●	-1.66	1.01
Growth & Inc	152.9	162.8	-1.5	3.48
Euro Gth	17.67	18.81●	-0.25	1.39
Pacific	225.3	240.5●	-4.7	0.19
2nd Smlr Co	196.8	209.5	-1.1	1.86

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	79.44	84.74●	-1.25	3.36
Euro Gth Inc	63.01	67.21●	-1.22	1.04
Extra Income	95.72	102.1	-1.07	4.83
General	170.3	181.6	-2.5	3.13
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.36	55.01c	-0.13	9.46
Income Tst	407.2	434.3●	-5.6	3.86

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American EVS	57.22	60.72	-1.83	1.30
Australia	70.34	75.69	-0.80	0.00
Eastern	80.81	86.20	-0.81	0.40
Equity Inc	69.68	73.94	-0.74	5.00
Europe	119.7	127.1	-1.2	0.00
Exempt Tst	55.91	59.33●	..	3.10
Growth & Inc	77.37	82.40c	-0.66	2.20
Do Acc	120.6	128.0c	-1.3	2.20
Global Gth	62.84	66.68	-0.42	0.00
Japan Spec	141.6	152.1●	+1.1	0.00
Japan Sun	150.5	162.1	+2.5	0.00
First Europe	106.5	113.1	-1.2	1.10
First Japan	103.0	110.9	+1.3	0.50
First N Amer	44.54	47.26●	-1.39	1.00
First Smlr Co	95.75	101.6	-0.39	1.40
N Amer Spec	41.67	44.43	-1.39	0.60
UK Growth	58.48	62.20	-0.18	5.28
Select Man Fd	47.02	49.86	-0.30	2.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	156.6	167.2c	-1.5	3.91
Smlr Co Acc	303.9	329.7	-4.0	0.82
Do Inc	192.2	208.6	-2.8	1.29
High Income	80.27	85.89	+0.53	5.70
Income	96.66	103.2	+1.16	5.33
Man Portfl Inc	89.50	95.54●	+0.85	2.83
Do Acc	152.0	162.3●	+1.5	2.20
Nth American	46.38	49.51	-0.81	0.30
Orient	108.5	116.1	+1.1	0.28
Exempt	278.1	293.4	-2.5	2.78
Recovery	67.57	72.14	-0.79	1.81
German	22.13	23.56	-0.35	1.69
Int Recov	24.98	26.67	-0.18	0.90
Europe	16.19	17.28	-0.24	3.99
Comr General	24.74	26.34	-0.14	5.61

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-588 2868 01 823 2348

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Emer Gth Fd In	62.76	66.59●	-0.63	1.58
Emr Gth Fd Ac	63.23	67.09●	-0.63	1.58
Fellowship Inc	62.53	66.34	-0.35	1.71
General Inc 4	270.1	286.6	-2.9	2.90
Do Acc 4	446.2	473.4	-4.7	2.90
Income Fd 3	140.1	148.6	-1.5	5.00
Do Acc 3	263.7	279.8	-2.9	5.00
Int Income 2	104.4	110.4c	-1.5	1.83
Do Acc 2	141.2	147.3	-3.0	1.83
Smlr Inc 5	99.4	105.4●	-0.8	1.19
Do Acc	107.9	114.5●	-0.9	1.19

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Sht Gt Fxd Int	50.95	51.65	-0.42	1.41

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	34.13	35.50a	-0.13	2.80
Income	43.29	46.30a	-0.14	4.48

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far East	29.85	31.72a	+0.55	0.20
Nth American	26.86	28.56a	-0.66	0.77
Global	44.02	46.88	-0.75	0.73
European	40.33	42.90	-0.34	1.25
Japan	85.82	91.79	+1.11	0.01
Strategic Opp	49.87	53.34	-0.48	1.47
Do Acc	47.5	50.6	..	3.31
Intl Currency	45.19	47.82	-0.21	6.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DE Tel: 01-588 0898

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	406.1	433.3	+2.4	3.13
European S S	49.09	52.35	-0.80	3.10
Far East S S	51.78	55.35	-0.40	0.85
Gold Gen S S	52.52	56.05	-1.23	0.81
Income	346.2	369.4	-2.1	5.10
Intl Sp Sits	49.78	53.12	-0.43	1.93
Nth Amer	230.5	245.9	-5.1	2.32

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2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	461.2		..	4.70
Fixed Int	143.2		..	8.99
Deposit	100.0		..	8.76

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	436.17	●	..	5.07
Acc	£13.7114		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	9.95

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6822

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Resrcs	23.09	24.43	..	..
SC Special Sits	67.19	71.10	..	0.39

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	20.01	21.17	..	0.38
Atlas Gth	22.44	23.81	..	0.73
Dragon Gth	26.26	27.88	..	1.52
Equity Hi Inc	58.84	62.10	..	4.85
Do Acc	59.63	62.93	..	4.85
European Gth	25.09	26.62	..	1.58
Gen Equity	48.36	49.36●	..	2.92
G/F Intrst Gth	32.79	34.43●	+4.50	7.55
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.55	25.77●	..	9.00
Intl Income Tst	22.82	24.21●	-0.01	5.72
Japan Gth	46.43	49.13	..	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.91	31.65	..	2.22
Special Sits	36.80	39.05	..	2.01

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	53.57	56.99	-0.68	2.57
Do Acc	55.81	59.37	-0.71	2.57
Income Inc	55.50	58.94	-0.54	3.54
Do Acc	58.14	61.85	-0.61	3.54
Worldwide Inc	44.88	48.00●	-0.63	0.52
Do Acc	45.52	48.69●	-0.65	0.52
Gamma Inc	36.99	39.35	-0.42	0.88
Do Acc	37.15	39.52	-0.33	0.88
Amer Gth	52.21	55.54	-0.62	0.70
Euro Gth	54.37	57.84	-0.56	0.85
Far East	64.04	68.13	-1.55	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.75	50.32	-0.19	8.16
World Bond	47.75	50.53	-0.09	5.49
Private Inv Pt	47.34	50.19	-0.34	3.22
Profess Inv Pt	50.27	53.48	-0.61	1.18
Progres Inv Pt	50.27	53.48	-0.61	1.18

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tst	102.5	110.7●	-3.0	0.75
Canadian Gth	20.28	21.96	-0.43	1.00
European Tst	95.2	101.5	-1.8	1.00
Growth Tst	282.6	290.1●	-2.8	2.72
High Income	315.9	337.0	-3.3	5.10
Ind Tech Tst	109.9	117.2	-0.7	0.68
Investment	26.31	28.66	-0.41	0.70
Japanese Tst	240.2	258.0	+4.8	0.00
Man Int	27.98	29.85	-0.31	2.51

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 0737-242424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Gth	51.46	55.18	-0.85	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	37.94	40.79	-0.64	1.90
International	46.96	49.98	-0.37	5.20
N Amer Gth	42.81	45.53	-0.75	1.70
Pacific Gth	60.05	64.27	-0.07	4.80
UK Gth Acc	69.07	74.67	-0.32	2.90
Do Dist	66.73	72.14	-0.31	2.90
UK Income	59.53	63.53	-0.35	5.80

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090526

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fd	58.34	61.89	-1.69	1.61
Capital Fd	135.1	143.5	-1.2	1.39
Convertible	24.42	25.95	-0.16	7.61
Eurofund	23.34	24.77	-0.27	1.21
Growth & Inc	179.8	191.0●	-1.2	3.83
High Dist Fd	151.3	160.8	-1.4	4.98
International	207.2	220.2●	-1.0	1.02
Pacific Fd	25.92	27.54	-0.06	0.00
Resources Fd	23.11	24.55	-0.46	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	43.31	45.93	-0.54	0.00
Tokyo Fd	198.8	210.6	+4.0	0.00
Ex Amer 2	121.2	124.5	..	1.84
Ex Japan 3	122.0	125.4	..	0.17
Ex Pacific 4	384.1	394.7	-3.1	0.22
Ex Smlr Jap 4	255.0	262.0	-2.7	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	83.88	89.00	-0.61	2.73
Do Acc	88.38	93.77	-0.54	2.59
UK Gth Acc	125.9	133.6	-0.7	2.08
UK High Inc	95.95	101.8	-0.68	4.30
N Amer Acc	62.28	66.43●	-1.62	1.05
Far East Acc	118.5	126.4●	+0.5	0.61
European Acc	69.74	74.39●	-0.89	1.39
UK Gt/FI Inc	55.82	58.88	-0.09	8.86
Do Acc	64.81	68.14	-0.11	7.63
Intl Spec Sits	38.44	41.00	-0.33	1.63

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 66966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	118.1	125.6	..	1.88

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equit Pelican	93.78	99.77	-0.87	3.71
High Income	99.77	106.1	-1.03	4.80
Gt/Fxd Intrst	51.28	54.54●	-0.14	7.52
Tst Of Inv Tsts	88.12	93.75●	-0.64	2.19
Spec Sits Tst	105.2	112.0	-1.13	2.88
Nth Amer Tst	58.48	62.22	-0.84	1.43
Far East Tst	117.8	125.3●	+0.99	0.32
Intl Gth	57.13	60.78	-0.71	1.81
European Tst	40.28	42.86	-0.74	1.82

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Acc	177.7	189.1	-2.1	3.39
Do Inc	147.3	156.8	-1.8	3.39
Higher Inc Acc	331.5	352.7	-4.1	4.53
Do Inc	250.4	266.4	-3.0	4.53

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilts & Fxd Acc	111.2	116.9	-0.1	8.75
Do Inc	83.27	87.51	..	8.75
N Amer Acc	116.2	123.7	-3.7	0.08
Far East Acc	212.2	225.8	+1.9	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	132.3	140.8	-1.8	0.33
Gen Tst	258.7	275.3	-3.5	3.74
Brit Excell	40.23	42.80	-0.58	2.93
Br Fomils Inc	49.84	53.03	-0.30	6.06
Do Acc	49.84	53.03	-0.30	6.06

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smlr Co	82.68	87.04	-1.12	0.84
UK Inc Fd	91.53	97.89	-1.96	4.44
Far East Fd	87.66	93.78	+0.01	0.00
Overseas Inc	61.55	65.83	-1.11	4.34
Fxd Interest	52.92	56.13	+0.01	10.02
Natural Res Fd	58.28	62.31	-1.17	1.93
European Inc	59.64	63.78●	-1.19	2.31
Financials Fd	46.57	49.81a	-0.45	2.39
Intl Tech Fd	100.3	107.3	-1.3	0.78
UK Gth	68.55	73.31	-0.78	2.20
US Major	45.76	48.94	-0.93	0.89

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	70.83	75.36	-0.82	1.20
Do Inc	68.83	73.24	-0.80	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	30.90	32.89●	-0.06	4.80
Do Inc	28.77	30.61●	-0.06	4.80
Inc Gth Acc	57.77	61.46	-0.44	3.50
Do Inc	49.50	52.67	-0.38	3.50
Serv Co Acc	73.41	78.11	-0.51	0.70
Do Inc	71.88	76.28	-0.49	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	22.86	24.33●	-0.70	1.20
Do Inc	22.61	24.06●	-0.70	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	16.51	17.58	-0.31	2.00
Do Inc	16.43	17.49	-0.31	2.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	100.5	106.5	-2.6	0.81
Amer Eqty Inc	27.64	29.33●	-0.45	5.49
Amer Spec Sit	51.43	54.44	-1.17	0.14
Australia	27.23	28.93	-0.29	2.15
European	56.90	60.56	-0.77	..
European Inc	20.76	22.12c	-0.18	4.29
Global Conv	22.27	23.62	-0.13	5.46
Far East Inc	38.56	40.85	-0.09	3.57
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.02	29.28●	-0.01	10.02
Growth & Inc	114.0	122.3	-1.0	4.71
Japan Spec Sit	70.70	75.17	-0.12	..
Japan	166.4	176.9●	+2.6	..
Managed Intl	124.1	132.1	-3.2	0.39
Inc Plus	104.9	112.6	-0.5	6.34
Famous Name	41.06	44.06c	-0.50	2.48
SE Asia	42.31	45.07	-0.47	0.69
Spec Sit	270.0	289.6	-6.5	0.87
Eastern Opps	23.56	25.06	-0.06	0.00
Intl Bond	24.21	25.61●	-0.21	7.44
Recovery	29.27	31.39	-0.26	2.31
Moneybuilder	26.01	27.81●	-0.14	2.88

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Smlr Cos	173.7	183.3c	-3.6	..
Do Acc	177.5	187.3c	-3.8	..
Amer Turn Inc	200.0	211.0	-5.2	..
Do Acc	207.5	218.9	-5.3	..
Capital Inc	276.5	290.7	-1.5	2.17
Do Acc	341.5	360.4	-2.0	2.17
Conv/Gilt Inc	106.1	111.9●	-0.2	5.87
Do Acc	152.0	160.4●	-0.2	5.87
European Inc	55.56	58.63	-0.92	1.07
Do Acc	56.03	59.13	-0.93	1.07
Extra Inc Inc	243.2	256.6●	-2.2	4.33
Do Acc	279.7	295.1●	-2.0	4.33
Financial Acc	44.70	47.17	-0.37	0.96
Do Inc	44.29	46.74	-0.37	0.96
Income Tst	169.7	179.9	-1.7	4.09
Do Acc	186.4	196.7	-1.9	4.09
Intl Growth Fd	144.9	152.9	-2.8	..
Do Acc	160.9	169.8	-2.9	..
Japan/Gen Inc	121.6	128.3	-0.7	..
Do Acc	122.8	129.6	-0.7	..
Monthly Inc Fd	128.5	135.6●	-1.0	4.16
PEP 87	63.28		-0.27	2.56
PEP 88	56.30	59.41	-0.36	2.40
Recovery	184.3	194.5●	-2.9	1.30
Do Acc	203.6	214.8●	-3.2	1.30
Smaller Inc	59.72	63.02	-0.17	2.31
Do Acc	60.00	63.32	-0.18	2.31

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	238.5	252.8	-1.61	2.71
Do Acc	415.9	440.8	-2.80	2.71
Euro Gth Dist	55.56	58.95●	-0.70	0.60
Do Acc	56.92	59.32●	-0.71	0.60
Fxd Interest Di	113.6	119.8	+0.06	6.67
Do Acc	149.3	157.5	+0.06	6.67
Intl Gth Dist	54.46	57.78	-0.33	0.58
Do Acc	54.79	58.13	-0.32	0.58
Nth Amer Dist	112.3	119.1●	-3.16	1.46
Do Acc	114.8	121.7●	-3.22	1.46
Pac Basin Dist	185.0	196.3●	+0.03	0.00
	185.3	196.6●	+	
Do Acc			..	0.00
Steward Dist	242.4	256.9	-0.91	1.43
Do Acc	255.4	270.7	-0.97	1.43
Steward Inc Di	59.82	63.40●	-0.16	3.72
Do Acc	61.10	64.76●	-0.17	3.72
N Am Stwd Di	53.50	56.71●	-1.18	0.87
Do Acc	54.16	57.41●	-1.19	0.87

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Sp Sits	55.88	59.78	-1.89	0.46
UK Cap Inc	131.3	140.5●	-1.7	3.08
Do Acc	196.7	210.4	-2.4	3.08
Do Spec Sits	53.66	57.42	-0.53	0.99
Income Fd	97.8	104.6	-1.1	5.86
International	158.5	169.6	-2.4	1.14
US & General	42.91	45.90	-1.29	0.98
Japan & Gen	306.8	328.1	+5.8	0.29
Far East Gen	125.0	133.7	+0.1	0.30
European Fd	223.9	239.5	-2.8	0.24
Germany Fd	52.82	55.93	-0.57	1.70
Intl Inc Fd	47.25	50.54	-0.66	6.21
Wld Spec Sit	59.25	63.37●	-1.05	2.83
Global Prp Inc	46.91	50.18	-0.42	2.44
Do Acc	46.91	50.18	-0.42	2.44

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3985 Services: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Tsts				
British Acc	69.21	73.70●	-0.94	2.75
Do Dist	58.70	62.51●	-0.79	2.75
Chell UK Gth	24.86	26.35	..	2.20
Man Expt	272.7	283.6	-2.52	2.56
Pract Inv Inc	67.51	72.23	-0.41	2.49
Do Acc	127.1	136.0	..	2.47
Spec Sits	111.7	120.1	..	0.35
UK Sel Opps	63.39	67.82	..	1.12
UK Smlr Cos	108.7	116.4	..	1.15
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	60.82	65.23	..	6.28
Fxd Interest	29.7	31.7●	..	7.86
High Income	31.18	33.28a	..	5.32
Income	100.7	108.0●	..	4.07
Intl Fxd Int	23.62	25.04	..	7.90
International Tsts				
Commod Shrs	60.75	64.85	..	1.32
Frontier Mkts	26.00	27.92	..	0.96
Global	159.3	170.8	..	0.70
Do Dist	151.1	162.0	..	0.70
Glob Inc/Gth	71.13	75.93	..	3.02
Gold Share	15.96	17.03	..	1.87
Intl Sel Opps	111.5	118.0●	..	0.94
Oil & Energy	47.06	50.25	..	2.06
W'wide Recov	92.20	98.42	..	0.71
Overseas Tsts				
American	64.62	68.82	..	1.30
Amer Sel Opp	27.97	29.78	..	0.33
Australian	17.31	18.58	..	0.79
European	46.19	48.24	..	1.18
Euro Sel Opp	57.23	60.86●	..	0.52
Far East	128.7	137.4	..	0.14
Hedged Amer	30.45	32.43	..	0.50
Hong Kong	31.88	34.03	..	1.76
Japan	128.6	137.3●	..	0.00
Japan S/Opp	70.72	75.18	..	0.00
Pacific Gth	52.00	55.47	..	0.97

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0626

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth	92.64	98.55	+0.11	1.05
American Gth	59.86	63.77	-1.65	0.58
American Inc	62.10	66.06	-1.48	4.60
European Gth	46.36	49.30a	-0.46	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	48.21	51.28●	-1.13	0.87
Japan Gth	65.85	68.98a	+0.97	..
Pacific Inc	87.55	93.14●	-0.91	3.67
Pacific Strat	48.25	51.33	-0.60	0.41
UK Prog Inc	73.16	77.83	-0.68	4.38
UK Spec Opps	154.5	164.4●	+4.09	1.36
Gt British	38.42	40.87	-0.22	3.20
UK Sml Co	39.01	41.49a	-0.25	1.09

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 9903

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gt/Fxd Interest	116.8	121.1	-0.7	8.21
Gth Equity	252.9	267.6	-2.4	2.41
Guardhill	332.5	344.5c	-3.3	2.89
Income Tst	95.62	101.5	-2.24	4.68
Intl Tst	110.9	117.3	-2.7	0.37
N American	127.2	134.5	-0.2	1.42
Pacific	271.8	287.5	-5.8	0.00
Prop Shares	378.9	401.0●	-3.3	1.74
Smaller Co	302.3	319.8	-1.4	1.89
European Tst	244.2	258.4	-1.4	1.18

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ, Tel: 01-623 9333

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Global Gth	40.08	42.62	-0.92	0.80
High Income	93.57	99.55●	-1.31	5.17
N Amer Tst	106.5	113.4	-3.1	0.83
Pacific Gth	42.74	45.47	-0.83	0.50
Recovery	331.7	352.9	-0.5	2.20
St Vincent Inc	108.9	111.7c	-1.4	5.51
St Vinc US Gth	52.68	54.85c	-1.90	0.99
Temp B Sm Co	260.9	273.9●	..	3.11
TBUSF	168.6	176.3	..	2.66
Euro Gth Tst	45.53	48.27	..	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Eqty Inc	54.95	58.31	-0.73	6.31
Canadian Tst	44.48	47.20	-1.09	1.04
Equity Income	103.7	110.1	-0.6	5.43
European Tst	81.86	86.85	-1.27	0.83
High Income	82.58	87.62	-0.25	6.14
Intl Sits Tst	51.77	55.23●	-0.51	1.14
Japan/F East	127.8	135.6	+0.8	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	54.02	57.32	-1.57	1.19
Recov & Asset	65.28	69.64●	-0.37	1.81
Scandinavian	74.88	79.45	-1.01	0.82
Smlr Co	35.89	38.18a	-0.25	1.26
UK New Gen	40.04	42.69●	-0.16	1.31

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Recov	94.32	102.5	-2.54	0.60
Amer Smlr Co	41.88	45.67	-0.76	0.00
Australian	113.5	121.2	-1.3	1.42
Best of World	46.16	49.30●	-0.57	2.19
Cap Gth Inc	63.29	68.24	-0.70	2.37
Do Acc	74.88	80.73	-0.84	2.37
European	209.5	224.2	-3.0	1.09
Euro Inc Tst	40.43	43.21●	-0.48	4.16
Euro Smlr Co	73.69	78.70	-0.53	0.07
Extra Income	232.9	252.7	-2.4	3.85
Financial Tst	169.3	185.9	-1.8	2.47
Fxd Interest	54.0	58.3	..	8.11
Gilt Tst	39.84	42.05●	-0.07	7.79
Global Health	81.09	87.16●	-1.12	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	60.46	64.89●	-0.84	4.81
Global Resrce	69.84	75.81●	-2.17	0.52
Global Tech	100.4	108.2●	-2.6	0.02
Gold	30.23	32.80	-0.44	0.00
High Income	240.7	261.0●	-2.3	4.23
Hong Kong	55.74	59.42	-0.10	0.80
Inc & Gth Inc	181.9	195.5	-2.2	3.53
Do Acc	379.1	409.7	-4.6	3.53
Income Asset	129.0	139.0c	-1.6	4.07
International	151.5	162.4	-1.1	1.05
Jap Spec Sits	193.6	206.5	+1.4	0.00
Japan Tst	188.2	200.9●	+1.7	0.00
Nth American	117.2	126.0●	-2.7	0.39
Pacific Sml Co	88.12	94.54	-0.64	0.00
Pension Man	43.39	45.78●	-0.40	2.32
Pref & Gilt	58.28	63.67	-0.07	9.18
Recovery Tst	146.9	160.7c	-1.7	1.82
Sing & Malay	38.13	40.65	-0.85	0.00
Smlr Co Div	173.3	190.4●	-0.9	3.85
Spec Sits Inc	186.4	204.2	-1.1	1.30
Do Acc	266.8	292.2	-1.6	1.30
Worldwide	492.2	534.4	..	1.70
Euro Expt	101.2	105.5	-1.1	0.73
Glob Tec Expt	69.28	72.34	-2.74	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	164.3	173.0	-1.6	4.42
Japan Expt	193.1	200.8●	+1.4	0.00
N Amer Expt	80.24	83.81	-2.03	0.71
Pacific Exempt	188.4	194.8	-1.4	2.80
Sml Co Exempt	177.9	190.4	-0.9	1.22
Best of Brit	37.44	40.25	-0.54	2.79
Spirit Of East	37.67	40.94	-0.09	2.16

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British Units	62.77	67.13a	-0.71	3.19
Capital Units	115.8	123.7●	-1.4	2.55
Dollar Units	179.4	191.6	-0.4	1.59
European	115.3	122.7●	-0.3	0.80
Far East	143.4	150.3	-3.7	0.53
Financial	432.3	462.3	-4.8	2.28
GF Interest Inc	27.58	28.53	-0.09	8.44
High Yield	86.01	91.98	-0.70	5.04
Income	105.2	112.5	-0.9	4.35
International	133.3	142.5●	-1.1	1.59
Japan Tech	58.42	60.36	-0.85	0.00
Nat Resource	48.27	51.82	-0.11	1.14
Security	229.4	245.4	-2.4	2.52
Smaller Co	129.5	138.6	-0.7	1.34
Spec Sits	126.9	135.7	-1.9	1.71
US Smlr Co	26.47	28.31	+0.09	0.88

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 01-236 4210

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Brit & Oseas	135.8	143.8	-1.6	1.89
Inc Plus	74.60	78.95	..	3.07
Cap Gth	72.76	77.00	..	3.14
Inv Tst Fnd	80.12	84.79	..	1.22

KEY FUND MANAGERS
66, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ Tel: 0303 64779

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity & Gen	54.49	58.13●	-1.08	2.28
Gt/Fxd Interest	70.41	74.91	-0.10	8.79
Higher Inc	140.5	150.3●	-2.0	5.34
Income	89.39	95.09	-1.05	3.97
International	57.37	61.36a	-0.36	0.77
Smlr Co	56.34	59.93	-0.41	1.45

KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers:01-623 6776

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	51.07	54.33	-0.37	5.52
Do Acc	51.73	55.04	-0.81	5.52
Gilt Yield Inc	107.4	113.4	..	9.32
Do Acc	212.4	224.3	..	9.32
Global Inc	145.0	154.3●	-1.7	4.47
Do Acc	261.3	278.0	-3.0	4.47
High Yield Inc	111.6	118.7●	-2.8	5.33
Do Acc	240.4	255.7	-6.2	5.33
Capital Gth Trusts				
Am Sm Co Inc	51.23	54.50●	-1.29	0.52
Do Acc	52.75	56.12	-1.34	0.52
N American Inc	42.72	45.44	-0.81	1.83
Do Acc	50.36	53.57	-0.96	1.83
European Inc	82.94	88.12	-1.09	2.15
Do Acc	104.4	110.9	-1.4	2.15
Euro Spec Inc	56.82	60.45●	-0.49	2.06
Do Acc	57.27	60.95●	-0.49	2.00
Fd Of Invst Inc	23.66	25.17	-0.01	2.14
Do Acc	30.97	32.95	-0.01	2.14
General Inc	195.4	207.9●	-1.6	2.95
Do Acc	278.1	295.9	-2.3	2.95
Intl Recov Inc	123.0	130.8	-2.0	1.55
Do Acc	132.4	140.8	-2.3	1.55
Japan Inc	295.9	314.6	+2.4	0.00
Do Acc	299.2	318.3	+0.9	0.00
Jap Spec Inc	145.3	154.6	+0.5	0.37
Do Acc	146.0	155.3	+0.5	0.37
Master Acc	182.2	191.7	-1.6	1.45
Pacific Inc	181.9	193.6	+0.4	0.33
Do Acc	206.5	219.7	+0.4	0.33
Smlr Co Inc	116.7	123.1	-0.6	1.34
Do Acc	140.7	149.7	-0.7	1.34
UK Eq Gth Inc	28.96	31.86●	-0.45	2.77
Do Acc	50.42	53.64	-1.58	2.77

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
83, George Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4906

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European	36.80	39.15●	-0.69	0.80
Extra Income	23.16	24.58●	-0.13	5.94
Far East	20.82	22.15	-0.15	0.00
Income & Gth	63.01	67.06c	-0.41	4.27
Intl Gth	37.27	39.65	-0.36	1.97
Japan	54.36	57.83●	+0.43	0.00
N Amer Equity	23.65	25.16	-0.73	0.00
UK Equity	56.60	60.21	-0.40	3.06

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261016

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	291.6	310.2	-4.7	2.93
Do Acc	475.0	505.3	-7.6	2.93
Do Income	76.06	80.93●	-1.20	4.50
European	58.51	62.24●	-1.02	1.70
Far Eastern	144.7	153.9	+0.4	0.03
Fixed Interest	46.55	48.52	-0.17	8.34
Gilt	81.84	86.60	-0.11	8.98
Global Gth	48.53	51.63	-0.29	0.98
International	43.03	45.75●	-0.23	5.40
Jap Tst	69.20	73.62	+0.77	0.01
O'seas Equity	81.19	86.37	-0.33	1.46
Natural Res	91.87	97.73	-2.01	1.43
N American	74.38	79.13●	-1.79	1.52
UK Recovery	51.83	55.14	-0.89	2.87
UK Spec Sits	90.70	96.49●	-1.99	2.12

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten House Chatham ME4 4JF Tel: 0634 834113

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balanced	207.2	220.5	-1.19	3.19
Do Acc	387.9	412.7	-2.22	3.19
Con Euro Gt	31.71	33.65	-0.35	0.75
Do Acc	31.98	33.94	-0.35	0.75
Energy Intl	58.14	61.85●	-1.36	2.62
Do Acc	67.95	72.28●	-0.81	2.62
Extra Income	190.0	202.2	-0.91	5.17
Do Acc	368.8	393.4	-1.8	5.17
German Gt	51.61	54.98	-0.40	0.72
Do Acc	52.59	55.80	-0.41	0.72
Income	331.3	352.5	-1.65	4.56
Do Acc	696.5	741.0	-3.46	4.56
Intl Tech	179.8	191.3	-3.26	0.35
Do Acc	189.1	201.1	-3.42	0.35
Japan Gth	103.0	109.3	+0.61	0.01
Do Acc	103.3	109.7	+0.62	0.01
Masterfst Inc	40.45	42.99	-0.35	1.39
Do Acc	41.20	43.79	-0.36	1.39
N Amer & Gen	105.2	111.9●	-3.11	1.50
Do Acc	116.5	124.0●	-3.43	1.50
N Am SC Rec	54.45	57.92	-1.92	0.01
Do Acc	54.45	57.92	-1.92	0.01
Pacific Basin	157.8	167.7	-0.31	0.01
Do Acc	165.2	175.7	-0.33	0.01
Smlr Co/Rec	288.8	307.2	-1.03	1.95
Do Acc	332.5	353.8	-1.19	1.95
UK Gth Fund	58.24	61.95●	-0.41	2.32
Do Acc	60.10	63.93●	-0.42	2.32
Worldwide Gth	187.9	199.9	-3.05	0.66
Do Acc	267.1	284.1	-4.33	0.66

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282873

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
General	49.52	52.67	-0.70	3.50
Income	46.19	49.03	-0.58	5.60
International	35.47	37.65	-0.51	0.90
American	29.51	31.33	-0.90	0.80
Japan	51.68	54.86●	-0.07	0.00
Tst of Invest	36.02	38.24	-0.37	2.00

M & G SECURITIES
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 01-626 4588 Dealing : 0245-266266

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer / Gen Inc	199.0	209.9●	-5.1	1.59
Do Acc	237.8	250.7	-5.9	1.59
Amer Recovery	226.7	239.2	-6.7	1.00
Do Acc	250.0	263.8	-6.9	1.00
Am Sm Co Acc	46.6	49.2●	-1.5	0.29
Australia Acc	129.6	136.7	+0.5	1.48
Commod Acc	310.3	328.1	-4.3	1.72
Compound Gth	546.1	584.3	-5.4	2.85
Conversn Gth	466.2	493.0	-1.6	3.37
Do Inc	252.2	266.7●	-1.4	5.20
Dividend Inc	538.1	560.0	-5.2	4.87
Do Acc	£16.97	17.95	-0.16	4.87
European Acc	262.7	277.8●	-5.9	1.21
Extra Yield Inc	314.6	332.8	-2.7	5.05
Do Acc	725.7	767.4	-6.0	5.05
Far East Inc	155.7	168.8	-0.8	1.64
Do Acc	193.0	205.6●	-1.8	1.64
Fd Of Inv Inc	301.8	322.9	-3.2	2.86
Do Acc	493.5	528.0	-4.5	2.86
General Inc	787.2	837.9●	-7.1	3.78
Do Acc	£17.74	18.71	-0.19	3.78
Gt/Fxd Interest	88.2	91.1●	-0.2	9.63
Do Acc	103.0	108.1	-0.4	9.63
Gold Income	43.9	48.3●	-0.1	1.86
Do Acc	47.9	50.5●	-1.2	1.86
Hi Income Inc	417.7	442.8	-3.8	5.04
Do Acc	£12.23	12.96	-0.11	5.04
Intl Growth Inc	783.7	838.6●	-10.2	1.51
Do Acc	£12.87	13.77	-0.16	1.51
Intl Income	59.6	63.8	-1.0	5.42
Japan Acc	£10.08	10.64	+0.15	0.00
Japan Sm Acc	113.1	119.3	+0.6	0.00
Mid / Gen Inc	910.5	963.0	-8.2	3.84
Do Acc	£23.86	25.20	-0.24	3.84
Recovery Inc	530.2	562.0●	-6.1	3.61
Do Acc	716.9	759.9●	-8.3	3.61
2nd Gen Inc	940.2	994.3●	-8.2	3.10
Do Acc	£19.54	20.67	-0.17	3.10
Smlr Co Inc	£10.33	10.93●	-0.07	2.50
Do Acc	£16.92	17.90	-0.11	2.50
Trustee Fd Inc	605.6	649.1	-5.0	3.87
Charibd Inc 3	105.6	●	..	10.87
Charifd Inc 2	521.6	526.9●	-4.6	5.40
Pen Exempt 1	607.9	623.1	-6.7	4.37
Nascif Inc 3	42.7	●	..	8.74
Do Acc 3	£28.3	●	..	8.74

MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 01-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733 (Intermediary) 0800 010333 (Public)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Specialist Trusts				
Gth Gilt	83.48	84.95●	+0.02	2.63
Smaller Co	228.8	240.7c	-0.96	1.12
Spec Feats	106.8	113.5	-0.95	0.85
Do Acc	112.5	119.6	-1.01	0.79
General Funds				
UK Growth	39.94	42.44	-0.30	1.98
Asst/Earn Di	54.44	57.84●	-0.20	2.23
Do Acc	56.12	59.63●	-0.20	2.16
GB Co	344.3	365.8●	-2.44	2.57
Managed Inv	58.47	59.30	-0.60	1.95
Rupert Child	48.70	51.74	-0.36	0.00
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	71.40	75.87●	-0.31	6.06
Gilt	25.57	26.96●	-0.06	8.73
Income / Gth	265.8	282.4	-3.86	3.95
Pref Shares	20.91	22.21c	-0.02	8.34
UK Income	248.4	261.6	-2.27	4.40
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commod	147.5	160.1	-2.90	1.73
Financial Sec	41.42	44.01	-0.40	2.88
Gold	47.34	50.77	-1.41	0.28
Do Acc	49.21	52.70	-1.50	0.27
Int Leisure	16.18	17.19	-0.05	0.00
Prop Shares	79.74	84.72	-0.36	0.88
Univ Energy	58.00	61.63●	-0.86	3.02
World Tech	36.32	38.59●	-0.34	0.49
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	108.3	114.7	-0.63	3.48
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	86.75	93.39	-1.54	1.66
Australian Gth	45.20	49.08	-0.79	2.05
Euro Perf	65.78	69.89	-1.00	0.82
Do Acc	65.95	70.08	-1.01	0.82
Euro Smlr Co	11.64	12.37	-0.12	1.44
Far East	67.69	71.92c	-0.04	0.00
French Gth	34.39	36.53	-0.70	0.40
Hong Kong	22.61	24.02●	-0.02	1.80
Intl Growth	37.54	39.89●	-0.42	1.65
Intl Recovery	110.1	117.0	-1.10	0.68
Japan Perf	98.13	104.2	+2.06	0.00
Do Acc	98.13	104.2	+2.06	0.00
Japan Sm Cos	23.23	24.68	+0.26	0.00
Sing Asean Inc	32.21	34.22●	-0.58	0.58
Do Acc	32.22	34.24●	-0.58	0.58
US Sml Co	58.74	62.41	-1.59	0.00
Do Acc	59.36	63.07	-1.55	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Int Bond	47.01	49.64c	-0.39	4.80
Intl Inc/Gth	55.42	58.86	-0.29	3.43
Drayton Japan	50.16	52.79	+0.31	0.80
US Income	49.76	52.87	-0.77	4.14
Do Acc	56.80	60.36	-0.86	3.45
MEL Trusts				
Melstar Gilt	70.29	72.12	+0.06	8.93
Britannia Arrow (Formerly County Unit Trusts)				
Europe	57.82	61.44	-0.41	0.83
Financial	173.3	184.2●	-1.85	2.98
Global Inc	61.49	65.23	-0.78	3.48
Income Gth	51.76	55.01●	-0.80	3.83
Int Recovery	134.9	143.4●	-2.96	0.85
N Amer Gth	98.22	104.3	-2.17	1.88
Sml Co	288.0	306.0●	-1.01	1.49
SE Asia	79.16	84.07	-1.43	0.63
Spec Sit Acc	372.2	395.5	-4.87	1.56

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	22.54	23.98●	-0.73	0.18
Emerging	22.53	23.97●	-0.28	0.00
General	38.56	41.02	-0.57	2.81
International	53.97	57.41	-0.81	1.93
Gilt Unit	25.25	28.03●	-0.02	8.45
Inc / Gth	65.87	70.07●	-0.88	3.61
European	30.92	32.89	-0.53	1.10
Safety First	24.73	26.31	+0.05	8.68
UK Smlr Cos	23.95	25.48	-0.07	2.14

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUST LTD
46, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF Tel: 031-226 4372

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far East	87.37	92.74	+0.60	0.00
Income Fd	53.71	57.01●	-0.42	4.18
European	37.74	40.06	-0.38	1.40
N American	28.86	30.63	-0.80	1.18
Gth / Rec	51.09	54.23	-0.80	2.27
Intl Gth	459.2	487.5	-6.3	1.75

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 01-280 2860

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	90.20	95.95	..	0.29
Do Acc	95.99	102.2	..	0.29
Amer Income	44.17	48.99	..	4.18
Do Acc	50.64	53.86	..	4.18
European Gth	113.9	121.2●	..	2.43
Do Acc	119.1	126.8●	..	2.43
General	305.5	325.1	..	2.32
Do Acc	517.6	550.7	..	2.32
Gilt / Fixed	82.79	83.02	..	7.84
Do Acc	108.5	108.8	..	7.84
Income	108.1	115.1a	..	3.80
Do Acc	129.0	137.3c	..	3.80
International	264.1	280.3	..	1.78
Do Acc	335.5	357.1	..	1.78
Japan	195.1	207.6	..	0.00
Do Acc	200.2	213.0	..	0.00
Recovery	273.6	291.1	..	2.91
Do Acc	304.0	323.5	..	2.91
Exempt Dist	285.9	303.5●	..	3.36
Do Acc	460.4	492.7●	..	3.36
Euro Fd Inc	61.59	65.53●	..	4.36
Do Acc	67.30	71.59●	..	4.36
Amer Smlr Dist	39.92	42.47	..	0.59
Do Acc	40.40	42.98	..	0.59
Br Blu Chip Di	43.41	46.19	..	2.67
Do Acc	44.57	47.42	..	2.67
Global Dist	44.20	47.03	..	0.74
Do Acc	44.68	47.54	..	0.74
High Inc Dist	47.89	50.95●	..	6.11
Do Acc	50.15	53.35●	..	6.11
Hi Interest Dist	44.04	46.81●	..	9.58
Do Acc	47.71	50.71●	..	9.58
Pacific Dist	46.29	49.25●	..	0.10
Do Acc	46.72	49.71●	..	0.10
UK Smlr Dist	47.24	50.26c	..	1.96
Do Acc	48.19	51.27c	..	1.96
Am Sm Co Ex	38.21	40.22	..	0.13
Do Acc	38.43	40.45	..	0.13

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Deacon House 192, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 [illegible]

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British Dist	47.46	50.49	-0.67	3.87
British Acc	47.46	50.49	-0.67	3.87
Capital Inc	103.5	109.8●	-0.8	2.17
Do Acc	146.6	156.5●	-1.2	2.17
Extra Hi Inc	68.07	72.42●	-0.51	6.75
Do Acc	88.47	94.12●	-0.65	6.75
Gilt/Fxd Inc	52.31	54.83	+0.04	8.71
Do Acc	97.76	102.1	+0.16	8.71
High Yield	191.3	203.5	-1.7	5.08
Do Acc	353.3	375.8	-3.1	5.08
Income	210.2	223.5●	-2.4	3.77
Do Acc	369.0	392.5●	-4.3	3.77
Intl High St Dis	50.59	53.93	-0.50	1.78
Do Acc	51.53	54.82	-0.51	1.78
Japan / Pacific	317.3	336.8	+5.5	0.04
Do Acc	333.5	353.8	+5.7	0.04
Mandarin	46.11	48.84	-0.35	1.04
N Amer Inc	97.14	103.3	-2.22	0.81
Do Acc	118.7	126.3	-2.7	0.81
Euro Gth Inc	102.6	109.1	-1.3	1.09
Do Acc	125.0	131.8	-1.5	1.09
Managed Port	59.41	63.20	-0.29	1.75
Meridian Gth	96.48	102.1	-0.58	3.22
Meridian Inc	96.11	101.7	-1.07	5.56
Smlr Co Inc	158.2	168.3●	-0.7	1.44
Do Acc	174.2	185.3●	-0.8	1.44

MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
46, New Broad Street, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 01-826 0826 Enquiries: 01-826 0123

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Gth	103.9	110.6	-2.9	3.07
European Gth	104.8	111.5	-1.4	2.91
Intl Gth	97.47	103.7	-0.86	1.74
UK Equity Inc	104.4	111.1	-0.3	4.73
Do Acc	104.4	111.1	-0.3	4.73

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090933

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Inc	102.0	108.1●	-1.55	3.80
European	41.20	43.85a	-0.43	1.68
Far Eastern	93.73	99.84●	-0.48	0.58
Olympiad	41.48	44.27●	-0.32	1.00
Olympiad Inc	35.93	38.35●	-0.31	4.70
Smlr Co	69.85	74.56a	-0.10	1.00
UK Equity Inc	74.01	79.00	-0.27	4.63
UK Gth	53.97	57.61	-0.20	3.91

N M SCHRODER
Enterprise House, Portsmouth Tel: 0705 827733 Dealing 0705 861222

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Acc	24.40	28.02	-0.80	1.48
Australia Acc	180.8	193.9●	-3.7	0.52
Conscience Inc	44.03	46.96	-0.43	2.13
Do Acc	44.47	47.45	-0.39	2.13
European Inc	101.2	107.9	-0.2	0.96
Do Acc	104.8	111.8	-0.4	0.96
Extra Inc Inc	70.87	75.63●	-0.39	7.10
Extra Inc Acc	82.42	87.96●	-0.45	7.10
F East Gth Acc	91.32	97.61	-1.50	0.00
Gilt/Fxd Inc	52.12	55.15●	-0.02	8.74
Gold Fd Inc	38.44	42.40	-0.90	0.87
Do Acc	42.08	45.24	-0.96	0.87
Income Inc	45.48	48.51a	-0.50	5.31
Do Acc	109.2	116.4a	-1.3	5.31
Intl Income	23.26	24.95	-0.25	0.88
Do Acc	32.49	34.85	-0.35	0.88
Jap Sm Co Ac	198.2	211.4	-0.2	0.00
Sing/Mal Acc	75.99	81.49	-1.25	0.06
Sm Co Inc Acc	38.52	39.57a	-0.05	1.35
Spec Sits Inc	28.10	30.21a	-0.18	1.25
Do Acc	29.67	31.90a	-0.19	1.25
Tokyo Fd Inc	67.88	72.40a	-0.11	0.00
Do Acc	68.55	73.13a	-0.11	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	45.09	48.22	-1.01	0.00
UK Equity Inc	122.7	130.6●	-1.2	3.69
Do Acc	199.2	212.4●	-1.8	3.69

PEARL TRUST MANAGERS LTD
252, High Holb, WC1V 7EB Tel: 01-405 8441 dealing 01-831 1857

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth Tst Inc	101.8	108.3	-0.9	2.83
Do Acc	158.5	168.7	-1.4	2.83
Income Tst	158.0	165.9	-0.8	3.86
Intl Equity Inc	142.0	151.0	-1.6	1.93
Do Acc	144.6	153.8	-1.6	1.93
Equity Tst Inc	159.3	169.1	-1.2	3.16
Do Acc	276.6	294.4	-2.3	3.16

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames Tel: 0491 576868

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth	278.3	295.5	-4.84	1.88
Income	212.7	227.5	-2.52	4.80
W'wide Rec	148.1	158.4	-1.78	1.89
Amer Gth	66.40	71.02	-1.70	0.82
Intl Emerg Co	75.89	81.17	-1.04	1.34
Far East Gth	103.6	110.8	-1.19	1.46
European Gth	52.85	56.53	-0.94	1.56
UK Growth	39.58	42.34	-0.50	2.87
High Income	51.27	54.84●	-0.47	6.38
Jap Gth	90.76	97.07	+0.52	0.10

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 Tel: 01-247 7544/7

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
International	119.9	127.6	-2.2	0.36
High Income	79.82	85.43	-0.81	4.95
Conv & Gilt	124.5	132.6c	-0.3	5.73
Far Eastern	225.4	239.8	+0.9	0.38
Nth American	112.4	119.5	-5.0	0.33
Spec Sits	93.51	100.3	-0.89	1.82
Technology	120.1	127.7	-2.0	1.15
Extra Income	119.0	127.3	-1.2	4.42
Euro Gth / Inc	39.34	42.21●	-0.57	2.85

PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-69, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 478 3377 Linkline 0800 010345

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Holb Equity	501.1	530.2	-3.06	2.90
European	94.11	100.6	-0.66	0.78
Holb Comms	80.66	84.60●	-0.54	0.47
Holb High Inc	82.66	88.41	-0.21	6.25
Holb Intl	99.35	105.9●	-0.93	0.97
Japanese	138.6	148.3	+0.57	0.04
N American	68.67	73.35	-1.57	0.80
Holb Spec Sits	86.59	92.22●	-0.80	2.14
Holb UK Gth	91.52	97.47●	-0.71	2.59
Holb Premier	41.70	44.13a	-0.03	7.74
Holb Smlr Co	65.24	69.46	-0.32	2.98
Holb Eqty Inc	64.22	68.79●	-0.22	4.22
Holb Intl Sm Co	44.52	47.41	-0.45	0.05

NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED
St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR 01-634 2981/4

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	111.6	119.3	..	4.30
Japan	213.2	227.1	..	..
Major UK Co	59.38	63.50	..	2.40
Smlr Australia	75.97	80.93	..	0.63
American Inc	256.7	274.5●	..	1.05
Do Acc	286.2	306.4●	..	1.05
Smlr Co	201.9	219.4	..	1.73
Smlr Canada	40.35	43.46	..	1.34
Smlr Euro Co	156.4	166.4	..	0.81

ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT Tel: 01-638 2433 Dealing: 01-638 2631

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital Gth Inc	71.65	76.63	-1.18	3.15
Do Acc	84.40	90.28	-1.39	0.00
Pacific Basin	156.8	167.7	-3.41	0.80
Do 8% Withd	75.23	80.45	-1.64	0.00
Finance/Prop	84.9	90.8	-1.6	2.72
Fixed & Conv	50.12	53.61●	+0.10	6.77
Do Acc	94.29	100.7●	+0.15	0.00
Equity Income	101.8	108.6●	-1.66	4.23
Do Acc	258.0	276.0●	-4.26	0.00
High Yield Inc	110.7	118.4	-1.06	4.52
Do Acc	320.3	342.8	-3.05	0.00
Intl Income	82.74	88.49	-2.16	1.39
Do Acc	86.58	92.60	-2.26	0.00
Do 5% Withd	72.9	78.3	..	1.34
Preference Inc	50.10	53.59●	-0.07	6.92

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Acc	182.9	195.6●	-0.24	0.00
Smaller Co	79.14	84.64	-0.42	1.71
Do Acc	87.24	93.31	-0.46	0.00
Pres Canada	43.74	45.61●	-1.28	0.10
Pres Commod	49.66	50.97●	-1.79	0.07
Pres Europe	91.67	95.59●	-1.87	0.00
Pres Global	48.94	51.03●	-0.74	4.99
Pres Gold	38.54	40.69●	-1.78	0.13
Pres HK	32.90	34.31●	-0.38	0.06
Pres Japan	115.9	120.9●	-2.29	0.00
Pres S/Mal	44.88	46.80●	-0.95	0.08
Prestige UK	89.66	93.45●	-1.80	1.38
Prestige US	61.96	64.61●	-1.38	1.35
W'wide Alpha	50.92	54.45	-0.94	2.01
Do Acc	50.92	54.46	-0.94	0.00

SAVE & PROSPER
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
			-0.86	8.67
Amer Inc/Gth	52.25	55.58	-1.5	1.84
Capital Uts	105.2	111.9	-1.37	0.97
Commodity	68.05	72.38	-1.00	7.30
European Gth	93.01	99.03	-1.2	2.29
Financial Sec	109.8	115.1	-5.4	4.57
Hi Return Uts	224.5	238.9●	-1.8	3.81
Hi Yield Uts	207.6	220.8	-0.9	5.97
Income Uts	115.9	123.2c	-0.2	2.70
Investment Tst	102.6	109.6	-0.4	0.00
Japan Gth	117.3	124.7	-1.3	0.00
Japan Smlr Co	139.4	148.2	-0.29	2.57
Masterfund	33.40	35.53		2.45
Scotbits	156.7	168.7●	-1.7	2.72
Scotshares	216.1	229.6	-1.1	4.49
Scotyields	195.1	208.6	-1.7	1.40
Select Intl	86.74	91.22	-0.93	3.94
Smlr Co Inc	233.8	248.7	-6.5	1.83
Spec Sits	125.5	133.5	-1.2	3.45
UK Equity	209.1	222.4c	-1.7	1.14
US Growth	70.28	74.71	-1.63	1.14

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Nelson Tst	210.9	225.6	-3.0	2.92
Colombus	137.5	147.1	-3.5	1.39
Marco Polo	226.6	242.3	+0.9	0.01
Da Vinci	236.2	252.6	+5.1	1.58
Drake Tst	54.45	58.24	-0.82	1.70

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN Tel: 041-248 6100

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity	216.7	230.6	-1.9	2.66
UK Sm Co Eq	230.0	244.7	-1.5	2.13
European	172.2	183.2	-2.7	1.75
N American	113.2	120.5	-2.9	1.50
Income Plus	56.07	59.66	-0.21	..
UK Spec Sit	67.26	71.56	-0.23	2.88

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA Tel: 031-556 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Gth Acc	17.81	19.08a	-0.13	3.26
Intl Growth Acc	18.08	19.35a	-0.45	1.36
Global Inc Acc	19.18	20.53a	-0.12	5.66
Mkt Leadr Acc	16.75	17.93a	-0.14	3.94

SIM UNIT MANAGEMENT
Enterprise House Portsmouth Tel: 0705 827733

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
O'seas Sml Co	50.43	53.64c	-0.57	0.35
Pension/Charit	657.9	668.8●	..	4.05
Recovery	£11.48	12.21●	..	2.81
UK Sm Co Ex	108.6	115.4c	-0.7	1.78

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ Tel: 0800 393 777

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed Acc	26.16	27.80	-0.22	2.41
Equity Gth Acc	31.57	33.54	-0.40	3.04
Equity High Inc	32.37	34.39	-0.35	4.15
Equity Gen Acc	32.34	34.36	-0.42	3.12
Do Income	27.97	29.72	-0.37	3.12
Gilt Fl Inc	27.04	28.39	-0.14	7.58
O's Larger Acc	181.3	198.7	-3.5	1.56
N Amer Acc	23.08	24.41	-0.45	1.58
Far East Acc	40.63	43.17	-0.80	0.00
European Acc	22.78	24.18	-0.36	1.81
UK Larger Inc	200.6	217.7	-2.8	3.72
Do Acc	218.6	237.2	-3.0	3.72

STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Inc	200.1	213.1	-1.0	1.10
Do Acc	227.3	242.0	-4.5	..
Do Withd	126.4	134.6	-2.5	..
Australian Inc	175.3	186.6	+0.9	0.42
Do Acc	180.5	192.1	+0.9	..
British Inc	841.0	895.7	-5.4	4.23
Do Acc	£11.96	12.74	-0.07	..
European Inc	230.3	245.2	-3.6	0.00
Do Acc	242.9	258.6	-6.3	..
Japan Inc	87.88	88.39	-0.56	0.20
Do Acc	88.58	94.33	+1.06	..
Saints PPP	198.2	206.6	..	..

SUN ALLIANCE
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Acc	467.6	497.4	-4.8	3.11
Nth Amer Acc	51.00	54.26	-1.09	2.19
Far East Acc	106.9	113.7	+0.7	0.51
Worldwide Bd	48.21	50.86	-0.22	4.68
European	46.57	49.54	-0.44	2.04
Equity Inc Tst	66.51	70.76	-0.53	4.80
World Tech	40.23	42.80●	-0.17	0.85
World Finan	40.56	43.15●	-0.38	2.30

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ Tel: Dealing no:0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Income	30.67	32.62	-0.17	4.60
Do Gth	28.26	30.06	-0.18	2.94
Worldwide	20.43	21.73	-0.33	1.84

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE Tel: 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Inc	96.51	102.5●	-2.86	1.94
Do Acc	103.7	110.1●	-3.17	1.94
Br Gth Inc	55.19	58.71	-0.41	2.98
Do Acc	56.97	60.61	-0.42	2.98
European Inc	48.24	51.49●	-0.69	1.20
Do Acc	49.57	52.88●	-0.70	1.20
Extra Inc Inc	152.3	162.0c	+0.67	5.57
Do Acc	191.6	203.9c	+0.84	5.57
General Ut Inc	178.3	189.8●	-1.11	3.31
Do Acc	308.5	328.1●	-1.91	3.31
Gilt & Fixed	47.17	49.79●	-0.10	9.03
Do Acc	71.22	75.68●	-0.15	9.03
Income	265.2	282.1	-1.36	4.86
Do Acc	443.3	471.5	-2.28	4.86
International	322.6	342.6	-2.89	0.96
Do Acc	405.1	431.0	-3.31	0.96
Pacific	211.3	224.8	-0.51	0.31
Do Acc	219.7	233.7	-0.53	0.31
Nat Resources	62.75	66.71	-0.83	1.37
Do Acc	65.96	70.12	-0.88	1.37
Selected Opps	82.17	87.41	-0.82	2.26
Do Acc	92.82	98.63	-0.69	2.26

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 394000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Eagle	62.09	66.49	-1.48	0.89
Australian	8.15	8.63	-0.08	0.10
Commodity	80.00	86.05	-1.35	0.58
Equity	149.3	160.0	-0.5	3.25
Equity Exempt	120.7	128.7	..	2.34
Equity Ex Acc	229.1	240.0	..	2.14
Euro Spec Sit	77.14	83.00	-0.72	1.94
Convertible	144.9	156.4●	-0.3	4.62
Financial	32.04	34.55a	-0.22	1.37
Global Inc	57.07	61.62	-0.41	0.81
Do Acc	57.07	61.62	-0.41	0.81
Gold Income	52.34	58.74	-0.77	0.00
Do Acc	97.32	104.5	-1.44	0.00
Income	105.7	113.4	-0.5	4.46
Japan	118.9	126.0●	+1.6	0.00
Pacific Inc	115.9	124.9c	-0.1	0.95
Do Reinvest	143.9	154.9c	-0.1	8.66
Pref Share Fd	24.73	26.70●	-0.11	7.55
UK Capital	91.79	98.93●	-0.46	1.66
Special Sits	101.0	108.0●	-3.9	1.43
Technology	37.66	41.03	-0.79	0.57
World Cap	148.7	157.9a	-0.3	1.89
World Income	50.62	54.29●	-0.05	3.05

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF Dealing: 01-499 8546 Tel: 01-493 7262

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Opp Dist	39.22	41.83	-1.01	1.33
Do Acc	40.08	42.75	-1.62	1.39
Euro Opp Dist	39.45	42.09	-2.18	1.13
Do Acc	39.23	41.84	-2.16	1.13
F East Opp Di	92.76	98.94	-0.85	0.42
Do Acc	93.06	99.25	-0.55	0.42
Gold Opp Di	36.04	38.44	-0.68	1.17
Do Acc	35.80	38.19	-0.67	1.17
Intl Hi Yld Dist	48.42	48.51	-0.81	4.01
Do Acc	46.89	50.02	-0.61	4.01
Jap Opp Dist	58.56	62.46	+0.37	0.90
Do Acc	58.56	62.46	+0.37	0.90
Kangaroo Di	33.01	35.21	-0.80	1.27
Do Acc	33.20	35.41	-0.80	1.27
Orient Inc Dist	28.88	30.82	-0.29	2.01
Do Acc	29.38	31.34	-0.30	2.01
Pac Tech Dist	54.57	58.21	-0.08	0.00
Do Acc	54.57	58.21	-0.08	0.00
Tiger Dist	90.83	96.89	-1.24	0.48
Do Acc	91.48	97.58	-1.25	0.48
UK Hi Yld Dist	40.98	43.71	+0.09	8.55
Do Acc	44.32	47.27	+0.10	8.56
UK Opp Dist	45.21	48.36	-0.29	1.88
Do Acc	46.85	50.11	-0.30	1.88

3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
31, Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3QA Tel: [illegible]

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Smaller Co	50.71	53.51	-0.05	0.00

TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT Tel: 01-248 1250

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Gth	37.08	39.55	-0.56	1.54
Eur Sp Sit Inc	22.16	23.61	-0.29	1.37
Do Acc	22.33	23.80	-0.29	1.37
Gen Gth	63.75	67.81●	-0.49	2.32
Global Tech	65.59	69.13	-0.22	0.38
Income Gth	74.35	79.09●	-0.36	4.34
Income Mnthly	58.64	62.50●	-0.23	6.30
Japan Gth	66.69	71.11	+0.42	0.19
Man Equity Inc	24.87	26.52●	-0.15	3.46
Do Acc	25.86	27.59●	-0.15	3.46
O'seas Gth	49.63	52.95	-0.35	1.50
Smaller Co	94.67	100.7	-0.31	1.38
Special Opp	109.8	116.8●	-0.4	1.53
WW Spec Sits	26.55	28.35	-0.19	1.25
Do Acc	26.55	28.33	-0.19	1.25

UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Charities	177.7	189.5	-2.6	4.47

VANGUARD TRUST
65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU Tel: Enquiries: 01-236 3053 dealing- 01-236 2468

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth Inc	226.9	241.4	-2.8	2.43
Do Acc	341.6	363.4	-4.9	2.43
High Yield	278.3	296.1●	-3.4	4.27
Do Acc	305.5	325.0●	-3.7	4.27
Special Sits	57.01	60.65●	-0.65	2.01
Do Acc	59.24	63.02●	-0.68	2.01
Tstee	164.6	175.1	-1.8	3.89
Do Acc	270.4	287.7	-2.9	3.89
Amer & Gen	59.14	62.91	-1.35	1.70
Do Acc	60.75	64.63	-1.38	1.70
Master Portfl	66.73	70.49●	-0.57	2.90
Do Acc	£71.42	73.25	-0.59	2.90
Glenmars	207.3	220.5	-1.9	1.35
Do Acc	212.0	225.5	-2.0	1.35
F East/Gen Inc	58.85	62.61	+0.43	0.00
Do Acc	58.85	62.61	+0.43	0.00
Euro Fd Inc	38.84	41.32	-0.56	0.54
Do Acc	39.02	41.51c	-0.55	0.54

WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
99 Bishopsgate London EC2P 2LA Tel: 01-374 0661

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Tst	55.56	59.44	..	1.50
Pacific Perf	125.0	133.8●	..	0.40
Intl Gth	71.09	76.03	..	0.40
Income Tst	123.5	132.1	..	5.40
Japan Gth	177.3	189.6	..	0.10
Small Co	152.8	163.4	..	1.40
Technology	33.61	35.94	..	0.10
Australia	65.27	69.81	..	1.30
UK Tst	169.8	181.6	..	2.80
European Gth	45.87	49.06●	..	0.10
Hong Kong	31.33	33.50	..	1.30
International	20.72	22.17●	..	6.50
Sing Malay	24.03	25.70	..	1.00
Br Wnrs Tst	26.03	27.83	..	3.90

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Aus Gold	21.84	23.23	-0.57	0.00
Pacific Basin	25.06	26.66	-0.26	0.80
Canadian Gth	50.57	53.80	-0.93	0.10
Ginnie Mae Fd	85.56	89.85	-0.53	8.49
Penny Share	28.63	30.46	-0.30	0.50

WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 01-407 4404

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth Fd	178.2	189.6	-2.0	1.45
Income Fd	112.2	119.4●	-0.7	6.30

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Sht Dtd Gilt Fd	78.12	79.11	+0.02	0.00
US Govt Bd Fd	$54.43	54.47	+1.02	..
Challenger	54.32	55.01	+0.01	0.00

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Conv & Equity	67.67	71.99	-0.42	6.47
Income	78.51	83.52●	-1.12	3.70
Gth	86.19	91.69	-2.23	1.60
Prop Share	49.77	53.04	-0.35	1.17
Smaller Cos	65.09	69.25	-0.21	1.47
European	46.64	49.62	-1.60	3.66
Far Eastern	55.66	59.24	-1.06	0.62

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
19	7	A & M Gp	11½	13	..	..	..	46.3
408	228	ASD	[illegible]	412	+2	13.0	3.2	11.4
75	50	ATA Selection	60	65	..	2.5	4.0	14.9
37	23	Aber Am Pet	28	33	r -1	..	..	..
121	46	Aberdeen Stk Hse	77	82	●+2	2.0	2.5	19.2
..	..	Access Satellite	..	-	..	4.4	..	..
37	22	Acorn Comp	23	26	..	..	..	23.4

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
223	153	Goodhead Print	220	225	+2	5.5	2.5	17.6
85	68	Granyte Surface	78	83	+1	4.0	4.9	11.4
272	218	Great Southern	227	237	-3	8.0	3.4	15.7
228	203	Green (Ernest)	207	222	-1	5.8	2.7	15.6
41	26	Greenwich Cable	37	42	..	..	..	..
75	55	Guildhouse	58	63	+1	1.3	2.1	15.0
215	135	Halls Homes	210	220	..	5.1	2.4	26.7

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
312	222	Microsystems	218	228	● ..	4.2	1.9	10.2
44	28	Microvitec	35	37	-1	2.1	5.8	10.9
510	325	Miller & Santhouse	485	505	-5	3.9	0.8	56.9
175	110	Millward Brown	158	168	..	4.4	2.7	13.6
320	200	Miss World	305	330	..	11.0	3.5	13.4
367	228	Moys	360	370	+2	4.3	1.2	24.5
62	32	[illegible]	44	46	..	..	..	43.4

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
87	72	Sheldon Jones	67	77	-3	8.4	8.9	12.3
65	50	Shelton (Martin)	63	68	●-1	2.7	4.2	14.8
283	190	Sherwood Comp	205	220	..	6.2	2.9	8.5
445	328	Sherwood Group	420	430	..	6.2	1.5	18.5
145	74	Shield	97	107	..	4.0	3.9	18.4
148	75	Shoraplan	137	144	●+2	4.0	2.8	16.0
182	108	Storco	149	153	-1	5.1	3.4	14.1
453	393	Sims Catering	400	415	● ..	9.2	2.3	26.0
480	318	Sinclair (William)	450	470	+5	8.5	1.8	27.0
352	240	Smallbone	325	335	..	6.9	2.1	15.2
87	50	Soundtracks	48	53	●+1	2.5	4.9	11.5
360	242	Sonn Bus	348	358	● ..	6.8	1.9	16.5
25	15½	SW Resources	16	17½	-½	..	..	20.5
98	88	Space Planning	90	95	..	2.7	2.9	25.8
375	285	Spandex	365	385	..	2.7	0.7	19.9
60	32	Spectrum	37	40	..	..	..	4.3
180	120	Spice	117	122	●-1	4.8	4.0	9.3
78	46	Splash	62	67	..	2.7	4.2	26.4
128	68	Stainless Metal	100	105	●+1	6.0	5.8	..
59	24	Stanco Exhib	57	60	●+3	0.4	0.7	44.7
321	159	Stanhope Props	285	288	-6	..	..	..
130	86	Sterling Pub	123	128	●-2	4.4	3.5	17.2
75	23	Sunleigh Elect	67	70	-2	1.9	2.8	9.8
64	38	Sutherland	57	61	..	1.5	2.5	23.3
323	275	Synapse Comp	270	280	..	4.4	1.6	14.4
91	55	TDS Circuits	62	67	..	..	..	..
179	153	TMD Advert	178	180	..	3.3	1.8	17.5
150	135	TSB Chan Islands	147	152	● ..	6.8	4.5	9.1
177	128	TV-AM	153	157	-2	6.0	3.8	10.9
235	170	Task Force	200	210	..	4.1	2.0	19.9
424	284	Tay Homes	412	420	-2	8.9	2.1	11.9
178	93	Telecomputing	118	125	..	2.0	1.7	9.7
192	125	Thornton GW	185	195	..	5.3	2.8	15.2
48	31	Thorpac	38	43	-2	1.6	3.9	16.5
110	80	Tinsley (Eliza)	96	106	..	5.3	5.1	10.0
92	79	Titon	87	91	..	2.3	2.6	..
87	75	Total Systems	72	77	● ..	2.0	2.7	13.4
78	58	[illegible] Hldgs	73	78	..	..	..	..
23½	19½	Tranwood	19	20	-½	..	..	..
369	236	Trencherwood	315	345	-5	5.4	1.6	14.2
97	54	[illegible] Hldgs	82	86	..	2.7	3.2	7.4
87	56	Trikon	68	72	..	..	..	19.6
34½	18	Tubular Exhib	32	33	+½	..	..	..
130	105	Tudor	125	135	..	6.9	5.3	11.0
163	120	UCL Group	152	162	-1	5.5	3.5	13.1
72	31	URS Intl	37	42	..	..	..	..
218	165	UTC Group	200	205	-1	11.0	5.4	12.9
565	485	Utd Friendly	545	570	..	34.3	6.1	..
160	117	Usher (Frank)	123	128	..	8.8	7.0	8.8
75	56	WSP Hldgs	72	77	..	2.2	2.9	16.6
68	48	Wardell Roberts	66	70	..	..	..	..
101	43	Wayne Kerr	93	95	-4	2.5	2.7	20.1
33	21	Welpac	22	26	●-1	0.7	2.9	10.0
56	38	Wentworth	45	50	..	2.2	4.8	9.4
253	80	Whitney Mackay	87	97	● ..	5.7	6.2	11.4
89	41	William (Rex) Hldgs	70	72	..	0.7	1.0	64.0
157	123	Wood Joan D & Co	142	152	-1	5.3	3.6	12.0
178	98	Woollons Better	147	157	●-5	5.9	3.9	17.0
119	76	Wld of Leather	113	123	-1	4.4	3.7	16.4
215	145	Wyevale	190	200	-3	4.0	2.1	20.2
76	60	Wyko	74	78	+1	3.7	4.9	12.7
43	23	Yelverton	39	42	..	..	..	37.3
80	51	Yorks Tst Gp	64	69	r +4	2.7	4.0	7.5
107	88	Zygal Dynamics	85	95	●+3	2.7	3.0	12.5

THIRD MARKET

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
111	63	ASB Barnett	87	92	..	..	..	..
37	23	Aber Am Pet	28	33	r -1	..	..	..
44	18	Amercoeur	17	22	..	..	..	..
85	59	Andaman Res	57	60	..	..	..	..
105	58	Beckenham	87	92	●-4	2.3	2.6	28.5
230	68	Broadcast	210	238	..	..	..	..
139	85	Camotech	118	128	..	3.3	2.7	34.0
145	110	Chelsea Act	115	125	..	1.3	1.1	14.3
70	30	Charnox Intl	50	55	..	..	..	..
105	65	Cornex	97	107	..	3.3	3.2	11.5
155	120	Crown Eye	142	152	..	..	..	15.0
15	9	Eglinton	8	9½	-½	..	..	..
143	93	Far E Res	103	113	..	..	..	..
90	75	Haldare	78	83	..	..	..	..
45	22	Henorols	43	45	..	..	..	37.0
56	41	Kemp (PE)	43	46	..	2.0	4.3	8.8
66	58	LGW	60	65	..	..	..	13.4
103	66	Leading Lsr	94	97	..	1.7	1.8	19.6
65	40	Lynx Tech	40	50	..	..	..	5.2
147	89	Medusa	122	127	-3	..	..	..
41	16	Norton Gp	14	17	..	..	..	..
50	44	Panone Optical	42	45	..	..	..	11.9
33	13	Pab Hldgs	21	24	..	..	..	13.3
237	155	Royal Sovereign	239	240	..	..	..	..
118	68	Seacon	110	115	-2	..	..	..
298	200	Takare	280	295	..	1.4	0.5	40.0
70	40	Thames Hldgs	64	68	..	1.5	2.2	18.0
135	115	UPL	115	125	-2	3.8	3.2	18.0
182	120	Unit Group	177	187	..	6.7	3.7	10.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 76.9 (day's range 76.8-76.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for August 11

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6965-1.7015	1.7005-1.7015	0.39-0.36pr	1.10-1.06pr
Montrl	2.0711-2.0843	2.0806-2.0843	0.30-0.10pr	0.69-0.48pr
Amstrdm	3.6446-3.6539	3.6483-3.6521	1⅝-1½pr	5⅛-4⅞pr
Brussels	8.47-67.88	67.54-67.75	31-16pr	76-57pr
Copnhgn	12.3426-12.4002	12.3584-12.3742	3⅛-2⅞pr	8⅞-7⅞pr
Dublin	1.2005-1.2077	1.2019-1.2029	43-35pr	120-108pr
Frankft	3.2274-3.2353	3.2316-3.2352	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅝-4⅜pr
Lisbon	260.31-262.78	260.77-261.78	27-73ds	85-193ds
Madrid	211.58-212.18	211.71-212.18	25-5pr	44-22pr
Milan	2369.07-2397.41	2384.30-2397.41	3-par pr	3-par pr
Oslo	11.7340-11.7857	11.7590-11.7744	1⅝-2½ds	6⅝-7ds
Paris	10.9229-10.9657	10.9512-10.9628	3⅛-2⅞pr	9⅛-8⅞pr
Stckhlm	11.0434-11.0850	11.0550-11.0850	⅜-⅛pr	1⅞-1pr
Tokyo	227.05-227.98	227.88-227.98	1⅜-1⅛pr	3⅞-3½pr
Vienna	22.67-22.79	22.71-22.74	12⅜-11pr	34⅞-32pr
Zurich	2.7005-1.7096	2.7063-1.7096	1⅝-1½pr	5-4⅞pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	23.3308-23.4738
Australia dollar	2.1175-2.1215
Bahrain dinar	0.6370-0.6410
Brazil cruzado*	437.36-439.68
Cyprus pound	0.8180-0.8280
Finland marka	7.6175-7.6573
Greece drachma	258.50-260.50
Hong Kong dollar	13.2829-13.2925
India rupee	23.98-24.18
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4800-0.4840
Malaysia ringgit	4.5090-4.5135
Mexico peso	3800-3900
New Zealand dollar	2.5372-2.5426
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3325-6.3725
Singapore dollar	3.4765-3.4803
S Africa rand (fin)	6.1767-6.2952
S Africa rand (com)	4.1838-4.1949
U A E dirham	6.2050-6.2450

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4130-1.4145	Denmark	7.2670-7.2720	Italy	1405.0-1406.0
Singapore	2.0420-2.0430	W Germany	1.8980-1.8990	Belgium (Com)	39.75-39.78
Malaysia	2.6485-2.6495	Switzerland	1.5870-1.5880	Hong Kong	7.8020-7.8030
Australia	1.2438-1.2453	Netherlands	2.1410-2.1420	Portugal	153.80-154.30
Canada	1.2230-1.2240	France	6.4280-6.4310	Spain	124.53-124.63
Sweden	6.4950-6.5000	Japan	133.70-133.80	Austria	13.34-13.35
Norway	6.9080-6.9130				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 11 Finance Hse 10
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10 Low 9 Week fixed: 10%
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 10% 3 mth – 10%
Selling: 2 mth – 10% 3 mth – 10%
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 10⅞-10⅝
2 mth: 10⅞-10⅝ 3 mth: 11-10⅞ 6 mth 10$^{15}/_{16}$-10⅞
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 11⅛
2 mth: 11⅛ 3 mth: 11⅛ 6 mth 11$^{3}/_{16}$
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 10 close 9⅞
1 week: 10⅞-10⅝ 1 mth: 10$^{13}/_{16}$-10⅝ 3 mth: 11⅛-11⅛
6 mth: 11⅜-11⅛ 9 mth: 11⅜-11⅛ 12 mth: 11⅜-11⅛
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 10⅝ 7 day: 10⅝ 1 mth: 10⅝
3 mth: 11⅛ 6 mth: 11⅛ 12 mth: 11⅛
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 10⅞-10⅝ 2 mth: 11⅛-10⅞ 3 mth: 11⅛-11
6 mth: 11⅜-11⅛ 9 mth: 11⅜-11⅛ 12 mth: 11⅜-11⅛
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 10$^{11}/_{16}$-10$^{9}/_{16}$
3 mth: 11⅛-11 6 mth: 11⅛-11 12 mth 11⅛-11
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.20-8.15
3 mth: 8.50-8.45 6 mth: 8.80-8.75 12 mth 9.05-9.00

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 29, 1988. Agreed rates August 24, 1988 to Sept 25, 1988. Scheme I: 11.49 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.86 per cent. Reference rate July 1, 1988 to July 29, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 10.511 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8$^{1}/_{16}$-7$^{15}/_{16}$	8$^{5}/_{16}$-8$^{3}/_{16}$	8⅝-8½	9-8⅞
Call: 8-7				
Deutschemark:	5⅛-5	5⅜-5⅛	5$^{7}/_{16}$-5$^{5}/_{16}$	5⅞-5⅝
Call: 4⅞-3⅞				
French Franc:	7$^{7}/_{16}$-7$^{5}/_{16}$	7$^{11}/_{16}$-7$^{9}/_{16}$	8-7⅞	8⅜-8¼
Call: 7⅛-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	3-2⅞	3$^{9}/_{16}$-3$^{7}/_{16}$	4-3⅞	4⅛-4⅛
Call: 3-2				
Yen:	4⅛-4⅛	4$^{9}/_{16}$-4$^{7}/_{16}$	4$^{15}/_{16}$-4$^{13}/_{16}$	5$^{1}/_{16}$-4$^{15}/_{16}$
Call: 3⅞-2⅞				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $428.75-429.25 Close: $427.00-427.50
High: $429.50-430.00 Low: $427.00-427.50

COINS: **Per coin (Ex VAT)**
Britannia: $440.00-445.00 (£259.00-262.00)
Krugerrand: $428.00-429.00 (£251.00-253.00)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $440.00-445.00 (£259.00-262.00)
American Eagles: $440.00-445.00 (£259.00-262.00)
New Sovereigns: $100.50-101.50 (£59.75-60.50)
Old Sovereigns: $100.50-102.00 (£59.75-60.75)
Platinum: $528.75 (£311.10)
Palladium: $123.75 (£72.80)
Silver: $6.65-6.67 (£3.915-3.930)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 40009		
Sep 88	88.69	88.69	88.59	88.66	9902
Dec 88	88.88	88.97	88.86	88.94	2551
Mar 89	89.28	89.32	89.27	89.31	265
Jun 89	89.43	89.44	89.42	89.44	62
Sep 89	89.46	89.47	89.46	89.46	14
Dec 89	89.46	89.46	89.46	89.45	9
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 37519		
Sep 88	91.28	91.28	91.25	91.27	4448
Dec 88	90.84	90.87	90.82	90.85	2448
Mar 89	90.83	90.88	90.83	90.87	644
Jun 89	90.75	90.76	90.75	90.76	251
Sep 89	90.67	90.67	90.67	90.67	14
Dec 89	90.55	90.58	90.56	90.57	11

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 8310		
Sep 88	84-25	85-03	84-21	85-03	8877
Dec 88	84-10	84-17	84-08	84-17	143
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 43685		
Sep 88	94-15	94-27	94-13	94-26	13874
Dec 88	94-29	95-11	94-29	95-11	906
Mar 89	NT	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 10123		
Sep 88	184.50	184.85	182.80	183.30	1479
Dec 88	NT	—	—	186.20	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 884		
Sep 88	100.95	101.07	100.81	100.99	553
Dec 88	99.30	99.30	99.30	99.25	5

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

In an indifferent market, prices moved in a narrow range, easing slightly over a dull day's trading. Product prices showed no clear direction in another very quiet day.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	15.10	-5
15 day Aug	15.10	+5
15 day Sep	15.05	-5
WTI Sep	15.60	
WTI Oct	15.75	

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	-2	170-171	-2
Gasoil EEC	+1	132-133	
Non 2H Aug	+1	130-131	
Non 2H Sep		131-132	
3.5 Fuel Oil	+1	68-70	+1
Naphtha	-2	134-137	-1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Aug 88	Hi 1242-1235	Low	Close 1246
Sep 88	Hi 1366-1350	Low	Close 1366
Oct 88	Hi 1463-1449	Low	Close 1463
Jan 89	Hi 1475-1470	Low	Close 1495

Vol 209 lots Open interest 2074
Dry cargo index 1191 same as 10/8/88

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Sep	132.00-31.75
Oct	134.25-34.00
Nov	136.25-36.00
Dec	137.50-37.25
Jan	136.25-36.00
Feb	134.25-34.00
Mar	133.00-28.00
Apr	131.00-26.00
May	130.00-26.50
Vol	2692

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

Aug	unq.
Sep	unq.
Vol	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	66.3	64.9
Feb	76.0	77.0
Apr	95.0	91.0
May	105.3	100.0

Vol 1020

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson

Sep 904-903	Jul 926-921
Dec 887-885	Sep 938-935
Mar 894-893	Dec 980-972
May 907-904	Vol 10138

COFFEE G W Joynson

Sep 983-980	May 1006-1000
Nov 997-995	Jul 1013-1010
Jan 998-997	Sep 1021-1010
Mar 996-985	Vol 4360

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2850

Oct 256.5-57.0	May 235.0-36.0
Dec 251.0-52.6	Aug 229.0-30.0
Mar 248.2-43.6	Oct 224.0-26.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 227
Sp 106.10 Nv 109.00 Ja 112.00
Mr 114.55 My 117.20

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 331
Sp 101.80 Nv 105.05 Ja 108.05
Mr 110.45 My 112.30

SOYABEAN

Oct 172.5-72.0	Apr 182.5-81.0
Dec 178.0-77.6	Jun 174.0-69.0
Feb 182.0-81.0	Aug 175.0-69.0

Vol 135

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volumes previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1244.0-1245.0	1247.0-1248.0	300150	Brly/Stdy
Copper Stand	1205.0-1210.0	1205.0-1210.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	353.00-354.00	354.00-355.00	40025	Steady
Zinc Hi Gde	752.00-753.00	739.00-740.00	85875	Steady
Silver Large†	667.00-670.00	681.00-684.00	196	Quiet
Silver Small†	667.00-670.00	681.00-684.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1585.0-1587.0	1495.0-1496.0	264675	Steady
Aluminium Hi*	2780.0-2790.0	2755.0-2760.0	55425	Quiet
Nickel*	14700-14750	13600-13650	9198	Quiet

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Aug	90.0	90.0
Oct	93.9	93.8
Nov	95.0	94.5
Feb	94.8	94.8

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Aug	117.0	117.0
Oct	117.3	117.5
Nov	118.8	119.5

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on August 11

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	68.13	187.74	117.62
GB (+/-)	-5.04	*-17.66	-0.15
Eng/Wal (%)	-1.0	-2.7	-4.8
Eng/Wal (p)	68.23	189.62	117.84
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-5.28	-15.04	-0.13
Scotland (%)	+17.9	+18.5	+5.4
Scotland (p)	65.89	179.26	117.12
Scotland (+/-)	+1.58	-29.55	-0.16

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Slight losses

هكذا من الأصل

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 1. Dealings end today. §Contango day August 15. Settlement day August 22.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 22).

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Jessups	Motors,Aircraft	
2	Trinity Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
3	Portsmouth Sund	Newspapers,Pub	
4	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
5	Waterglade	Property	
6	Local Lon	Property	
7	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
8	Blick	Electricals	
9	Berisford (S&W) (aa)	Foods	
10	Hambro Countrywd	Property	
11	Brixton	Property	
12	Dale Elec	Electricals	
13	Kwik Save	Foods	
14	Foseco	Chemicals,Plas	
15	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
16	HTV Group	Leisure	
17	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
18	Hillsdown (aa)	Foods	
19	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
20	Davy	Industrials A-D	
21	McLeod Russel	Industrials L-R	
22	Macarthy	Industrials L-R	
23	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
24	Tyne Tees TV	Leisure	
25	Keep Trust	Industrials E-K	
26	Ayrshire Metal	Industrials A-D	
27	Ratcliffs (Gt Bridge)	Industrials L-R	
28	High-Point	Industrials E-K	
29	Siebe (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
30	Sterling Ind	Industrials S-Z	
31	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
32	Lilleshall	Industrials L-R	
33	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
34	Cosalt	Industrials A-D	
35	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
36	Storehouse (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
37	Portals	Industrials L-R	
38	Young 'A'	Breweries	
39	BOC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
40	Cookson (aa)	Industrials A-D	
41	Alba	Electricals	
42	Church	Drapery,Stores	
43	Br Airways (aa)	Industrials A-D	
44	TI	Industrials S-Z	
© Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily Total		

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in tomorrow's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1988 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
100¾	95⅝	Treas	9½% 1988	99⅝	..	9.53	10.707
102⅞	94⅞	Treas	11½% 1989	100⅝	● ..	11.4	10.699
102⅞	96⅝	Treas	10½% 1989	99⅝	..	10.5	10.661
102	95⅝	Exch	10% 1989	99⅝	..	10.0	10.580
104⅛	96⅞	Exch	10½% 1989	100⅞	..	10.2	10.024
103⅞	95⅞	Exch	11% 1989	100⅞	+⅛	10.9	10.600
97⅞	93⅞	Treas	5% 1986-89	96⅝	..	5.24	9.203
101⅞	95⅝	Treas C	9½% 1989	99⅞	..	9.5	10.672
97⅞	94⅝	Treas	3% 1989	96⅝	..	3.11	8.026
102⅞	95⅝	Treas	8% 1990	98	+⅛	8.1	9.149
107⅞	99⅞	Treas	13% 1990	103⅞	..	12.5	10.222

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
195	137½	Rothschild (J) Hld	140	145	s ..	10.7	7.5	5.4
382	318	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	355	360	-1	17.9	5.0	7.0
10	585	Schroders	9	10	..	22.6	2.4	12.0
555	410	Stand Chart (aa)	507	515	-7	48.0	9.4	6.4
116	96	TSB (aa)	108	109	+½	6.8	6.1	7.3
598	501	Union Disc	540	550	● -3	38.4	7.0	12.3
355	305	Warburg SG	308	312	.	15.3	4.9	8.3
128	114	Do 6% 'A'	112	115	-1	8.2	7.2	..
38¼	23	Wells Fargo	37¼	.	-½	..	..	..
454	443	Wintrust	440	465	.	9.3	2.1	16.3

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
444	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	418	419	..	17.3	4.1	12.5
867	745½	Bass (aa)	764	770	-4	26.9	3.5	11.5
66	42	Belhaven	61	64	+2	1.4	2.2	24.6
175	127	Boddington	165	170	..	5.4	3.2	17.4
207	145	Buckleys	155	165	..	4.4	2.8	49.4
198	147	Bulmer (H P)	168	175	● +1	8.7	5.1	11.0
191	120	Burtonwood Brew	172	180	● -1	4.2	2.4	18.9
395	332	Clark (Matthew)	370	380	-2	14.7	3.9	10.2
372	292	Devenish (JA)	342	350	+1	4.0	1.2	30.5
246	175	Greenall Whitley	238	243	..	8.3	3.4	13.7
494	436	Greene King	470	477	● ..	9.9	2.1	21.1
351	271	Guinness (aa)	320	322	-5	12.6	3.9	10.6
760	655	Hardys & Hansons	750	770	..	30.0	3.9	14.2
128	76	Highland Distl	116	120	-1	3.5	3.0	18.4
306	167	Invergordon Distl	292	300	..	7.9	2.7	17.9
370	125	Irish Distl	283	293	-4	..	..	..
168	110	Marston Thompson	155	158	● -2	3.9	2.5	16.1
675	463	Morland	650	690	+2	10.9	1.6	36.5
368	275	SA Breweries	285	305				
349	206	Scot & New (aa)	338	342	● +12	12.2	3.6	16.8
735	480	Vaux Group	700	705	-1	21.6b	3.1	21.5
318	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	302	304	.	14.1	4.7	11.3
470	295	Do 'B'	415	515	-5	14.1	3.0	17.3
411	274	Whitbread Inv	385	395	..	12.3	3.2	41.4
435	350	Wolverhmptn & D	415	423	-1	8.2	2.0	17.8
530	345	Young A	520	540	+5	12.3	2.3	31.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	143	Abbey	230	240	..	..	..	..
400	314	Amec	377	382	r -1	17.3	4.6	10.8
473	348	Anglia Sec	460	475	+2	3.4	0.7	27.5
55	38	Anglo Utd	45	48	● -1	1.3	2.8	30.4
208	80	Arncliffe	190	205	● -10	5.3	2.7	12.5
325	247	Attwoods	278	283	-7	8.7	3.1	16.0
309	246	BPB Ind (aa)	283	287	● ..	11.3	4.0	9.9
320	240	Baggeridge Brick	288	298	..	5.0	1.7	20.7
85	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	77	80	..	1.9	2.4	16.4
216	170	Barratt Devs	173	177	..	12.6	7.2	11.5
273	181	Bellway	232	237	-1	11.0	4.7	11.3
113	85	Bellwinch	92	97	..	2.9	3.1	8.5
384	258	Berkeley Gp	305	315	● -10	4.7	1.5	11.0
122	83	Ben Bros	110	120	..	4.8	4.2	26.5
400	320	Blockleys	360	410	..	8.9	2.3	20.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Cinemas, TV stocks have now been incorporated under Leisure

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

FINANCE, LAND

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MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
34	13	Marinex	23	25	.	..	..	..
28	16	New London Oil	16½	18½	-½	..	..	..
67	27	Oil Search	50	53	-3	..	..	..
69	47	Petrocon	63	70	..	..	..	10.6
2	1	Petrox	1¼	2¼	.	..	..	..
66	46	Premier	57	59	s -1½	..	..	20.4
350	221	Ranger	328	333	+10	..	..	..
67⅞	59¼	Royal Dutch	64¼	-	● -2¾	..	..	..
11	959	Shell (aa)	10⅛	10¼	-⅛	65.8	6.4	10.9
340	243	Silkolene	325	335	.	12.3	3.7	10.6
166	91	Sovereign	155	157	-3	..	..	41.4
17	11	TR Energy	12	14	..	..	..	12.7
15	3	Target	2	4	.	..	..	..
201	118	Triton Europe	160	163	-2	.		
319	173	Ultramar (aa)	282	285	-4	8.9	3.1	27.6
91	44	Woodside	82	86	..	.	..	.

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
54	33	Boustead	47	49	..	0.7	1.5	21.9
149	130	Chillington	126	133	-1	9.3	7.2	10.2
108	75	Finlay (James)	105	110	+3	5.5	5.1	34.8
676	548	Harrison Crosfld (aa)	625	632	..	34.7	5.5	17.6
233	155	Inchcape (aa)	210	212	+2	.	.	12.5
260	185	Lonrho (aa)	231	234	..	15.8	6.8	10.8
71	48	Ocean Wilson	45	50	-2	3.3	6.9	8.9
365	305	Paterson Zoch	340	350	-3	9.9	2.9	10.7
355	305	Do 'A'	340	350	-3	9.9	2.9	10.7
330	230	Polly Peck (aa)	308	312	● -5	8.8	2.8	7.4
89	52	Sime Darby	83	88	..	..	..	..
108	71	Tozer Kemsley	100	103	+2	2.8	2.7	10.1

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
266	202	Abbott Mead	253	263	-2	6.2	2.4	13.2
103	35	Addison Cons	37	40	..	7.9	4.9	9.0
271	238	Assoc Paper	265	270	.	11.0	4.1	11.9
375	270	BPP	350	400	+10	9.9	2.6	22.4
181	108	Barker (Charles)	167	172	+7	4.5	2.6	18.5
222	180	Bemrose	217	220	.	13.7b	6.3	13.2
302	241	Boase Massimi	248	254	●	9.6b	3.8	15.6
243	198	Brunning	193	203	r .	5.0	2.5	13.3
189	127	Bunzl (aa)	140	144	-3	6.9	4.9	12.7
820	653	Carlton Comm	735	750	● -7	8.1	1.1	26.9
343	263	Chapman	330	355	..	13.3	3.9	13.2
238	173	Cropper (James)	230	245	..	2.8	1.2	9.6
487	357	DRG	463	467	..	14.7	3.2	17.3
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Rover 820 gets its back up

Rover's new 820 Fastback is a sleek-looking executive car — but did it deserve the "O" series (Montego) engine? However, the hatch gives good stowage

The Austin Rover engineer had seen that cynical look before when briefing motoring writers. "OK, so it seems an unlikely combination, but I am prepared to let the car speak for itself. You will be pleasantly surprised."

He was talking about the Rover 820 Fastback, at £11,995 the cheapest of the recently launched hatchback version of the 800 range of executive saloons which first appeared some two years ago.

The cynical look had surfaced when he said that the 820 would be powered by the carburetted 2-litre "O" series engine used in the Montego. It is based on an elderly design. At 98bhp it is at least 25bhp down on most rival fuel-injected engines and when pushed hard becomes noisy and rough.

Surely it was a retrograde step to fit it to a car which, if not opulent, was well equipped and clearly aimed at the upper end of the fleet market and the better-off private buyer?

Was it worth damaging the 800's improving image to be able to cut the price by £850 — the saving made by using "O" series instead of the much more powerful and up-to-date M16 2-litre already in the saloon version?

Proof that the combination works comes from driving the 820, but only if it is bought for the right reasons.

It is slow off the mark (0-60mph, 11.6 seconds) and needs frequent use of the five-speed gears to maintain anything approaching rapid progress. This is made less of a chore by a very light clutch and the precise, drag-free Honda gearbox.

However, if you try to squeeze out a little more speed by hanging on to the revs through the gears the engine becomes thrashy.

But driven as a comfortable, well-appointed if sedate conveyance, it will deliver you at your destination in a relaxed frame of mind. It is surprising how little difference there is in journey time between a blood-pressure raising, press-on-at-all-costs trip and a more leisurely one.

The 820 will top 115mph but is not happy above 90mph. It is a good motorway vehicle, capable of cruising all day at 80mph.

This is not a stripped-out car. It retains the luxury of walnut fascia inserts, velvet-trimmed seats, tinted glass, remote hatchback and fuel releases, carpeted load space and an eight-speaker hi-fi system — hard to match at under £12,000.

Petrol consumption is reasonable despite the problems inherent with a low-powered large car. A light-footed touch returns 30mpg but this quickly falls to 25mpg when driven enthusiastically.

ROADWISE

■ Audi has increased the power, torque and price of its turbo diesel engines in the 80 and 100 models now reaching the showrooms. The 80's 1.6-litre now has an intercooler and water cooling for the turbocharger. It will reach 62mph (100kph) in 14.6 seconds and tops 108mph. Price: £12,590 — up nearly £300.

An intercooler has also been added to the 2-litre, five cylinder turbo diesel in both saloon and Avant versions of the 100, upping power by 15 per cent and torque by 13 per cent. The saloon now costs £15,946 and the Avant £17,010.

As an added precaution against driver mis-use, Audi has fitted a warning buzzer to all automatics. It sounds if the gear lever is not left in Park with the engine switched off.

■ Rather later than its competitors, Lada has announced a limited edition "Summer Special". The Riva 1200L Vacation features a glass sunroof, stereo radio and tape-player, Riva 1600-style wheeltrims, the inevitable coachline and Special badges.

At £4,095 it is £770 more than the basic 1200L.

Facelift for the topless Clipper

The trade in open-top cars is mostly restricted to the five sunnier months of the year — May to September. And when the weather in the first three of those months is as depressing as it has been this year, sales slump. But the problem is made worse by the need to set production schedules in the depths of the preceding winter.

This gamble is forced on manufacturers because all convertibles are produced in relatively small numbers by specialist contractors using mainly body panels from the standard model. Their facilities are far removed from the high-speed, robotized assembly lines of the big car-makers.

The gamble is reduced somewhat with such a popular convertible as VW's Golf Clipper. Introduced last year as a cheaper alternative to the Golf GTi Convertible, it proved an instant success with demand outstripping supply. To avoid disappointment, customers are apparently prepared to place orders even in one of the wettest summers on record.

The fact that both models still use the body panels of the old Golf Mark 1 may seem surprising. Why after all this time should the factory at Wolfsburg be wasting valuable body-pressing capacity?

The answer is that it does not. All Golf convertibles start life in VW's Yugoslav factory and are then transported to Karman in Osnabruck for completion and fitting out.

The Clipper uses VW's bread-and-butter 1.8-litre carburettor engine which gives a top speed of just over 100mph. It reaches 60mph from standstill in 10.8 seconds.

With the multi-layered hood erected, 70mph is about as fast as you can go and still converse without shouting.

Folding the hood back takes only a couple of minutes. Two catches have to be released above the windscreen and then a little muscle applied to pull it back and press down to engage with retention toggles. It takes another five minutes to fit the tonneau cover.

The glass rear window with heated element is a real boon. It does not become scratched and opaque like plastic windows and can be quickly cleared in damp conditions.

The Clipper has sacrificed boot space to house the hood. The remaining space is minimal but, used as a two-seater as most open tops seem to be, the solution is to fold down the rear seats, trebling the baggage room.

This year Clipper has acquired a colour-matched body kit comprising front and rear wrap-around bumpers and spoilers, wheelarch extensions and side sills. It now sports similar contrasting body, hood and upholstery colour to the more expensive GTi.

Unfortunately, it still exhibits its two old VW faults — a heavy, notchy gear change and spongy brakes. The latter surprised me. I thought we had seen the last of that long-standing problem.

The Clipper costs £10,781, which compares favourably with its competitors.

VW's Golf Clipper now has similar styling to the costlier GTi

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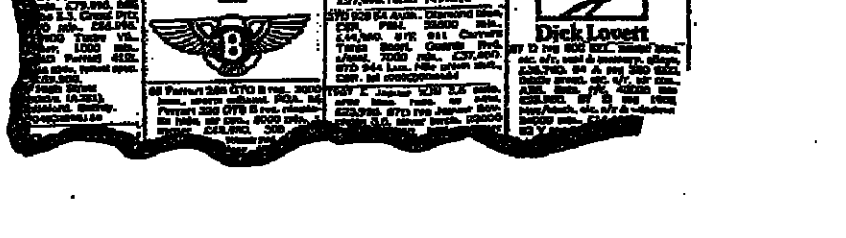

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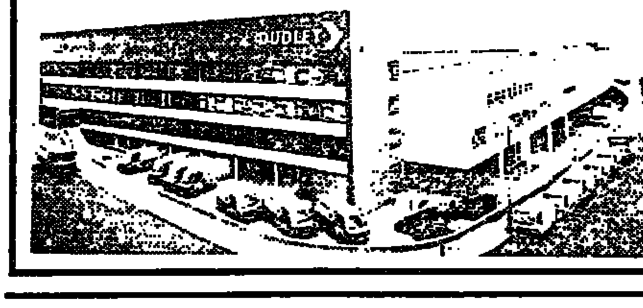

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How to speak plain business English

By Derek Harris

Many accountants confuse small business clients with buzz words and jargon, according to Mr Christopher Brown, head of the three-year-old Business Services Department of Binder Hamlyn, the chartered accountants.

Mr Brown, whose department specializes in helping owner-managed businesses including newly-fledged ones, said: "The most important thing for any accountant is to use plain English. Far too often clients do not understand a word they are told but then hesitate to say so."

Binder Hamlyn has been reviewing its work in the small business sector to draw out general principles which have been emerging at the new department which has had 850 clients through its hands so far. Three have gone to flotation, two on the unlisted securities market (USM) and one for a full Stock Exchange quote.

The department claims to be the only large accountancy organization which brings a strictly individual touch to advising clients, of the kind normally found in smaller accountant practices. An individual partner, who seeks specialist help where necessary, is assigned to a client company for all its needs rather than specialists coming in separately to deal with the various aspects of a client's problems.

Mr Brown said: "Weak financial management is one of the key reasons for business failure. In the drive to get a business on the move too little importance is attached by entrepreneurs to financial matters." But he admitted entrepreneurs give low priority to financial management. The expertise of qualified and professional financial personnel was never cheap which was why they should be used purely for the key role of getting a business on the right tracks.

Mr Brown went on: "The intervention of the external professional should not be a long-term, in-depth involvement. Proper profesional financial management should be established within the business and help given, if necessary, with the choice of suitable personnel."

But entrepreneurial owner-managers often feel constrained by financial management because it introduced an impersonal measurement of financial performance. Mr Brown said: "It can reduce the number of options available and sometimes remind the entrepreneur that he is not as successful, financially, as he might like to think."

The department has found that too many entrepreneurs concentrate on production and go for filling capacity and hoisting turnover at all costs even to cutting margins more than it is wise to do so.

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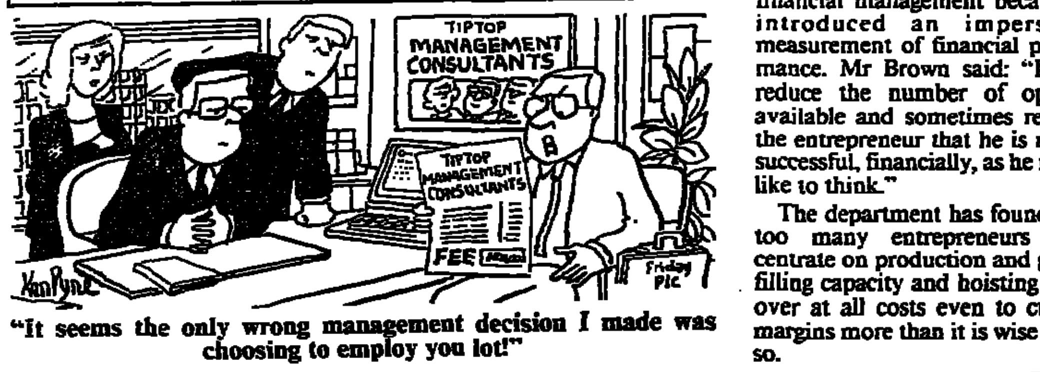

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BRIEFING

■ Another hard look at the Government's Loan Guarantee Scheme seems inevitable in the wake of this week's critical *National Audit Office report*, which found the failure rate high. The present life of the scheme, which underwrites bank loans to small businesses generally by 70 per cent — 85 per cent in inner-city areas — runs out next March.

Though LGS has never been a favourite at the Treasury because it has not achieved the object of being self-financing, it looks likely to continue, albeit possibly with some tightening-up.

■ The United States-based multinational 3M, best known for its Scotch brand of tapes, is a big company which boasts it runs almost as a collection of small businesses, usually of 30 to 50 people apiece. It produces some lessons for the entrepreneur, according to Ron Baukol, who is chairman and chief executive of 3M in the United Kingdom. The comapny learnt early to plough a high proportion of sales revenue back into research and development. It is now running at 6.6 per cent, nearly twice as much as many big companies. Mr Baukol said: "The second lesson was the importance of working with the customer and developing new products by working alongside the end-user in his own environment."

A cruise round the reservoir

By Veronica Heath

In 1986 Anthony Murray invested £60,000 to buy the rights to motor cruising on Kielder Water, at seven and a half miles in length, the largest man-made lake in Europe.

With the business came Ocean Dawn, a ferry which had worked the neighbouring Farne Islands off the rugged north-east coast. Valued at £25,000, it was a covered motor cruiser with seating for 70. The ferry service included a round trip of Kielder Water and the contract stated that the entrepreneur must run two boats. The next step was to spend £15,000 on another boat.

Mr Murray's daughter, Sarah, now employed in the booking office of Kielder Water Cruisers, said: "We bought Kielder Lady, a barge boat from the Thames, and it was the nearest thing to the African Queen we had ever seen. But Dad is a bit of a mechanic."

The engine moved from one end to the other and the boat was totally overhauled and enclosed for an outlay of £11,000. In its first year the company carried 9,000 passengers. Two years on, it will carry more than 25,000 passengers.

Five locals are employed by Kielder Water Cruisers, and on the day Mr Murray took me for a trip around the Kielder lake, 300 passengers had been carried, despite bad weather. "The ordinary punter will not willingly travel in bad weather," he said. "We have to market ourselves to combat this."

The weather in the north Tyne valley is a consideration because rainfall is high and the midges active, so pre-booking of parties is an important part of the business. Though 250,000 visitors come every summer to Tower Knowe jetty, only 20 per cent of these actually take to the water.

A live commentary enhances the one-hour round trip on the lake, which includes a close look at the three-quarter-mile-long dam at the east end. Private charter is proving popular and Kielder Lady is used for club and party functions. Evening cruises include a barbecue, or wine and cheese, accompanied by the Northumbrian pipes.

Mr Murray said: "We are looking at new options all the time. Kielder Water is an exciting recreational attraction for the North-East and my launches are one of its major assets — we can only go forward." As an increasing number of shoreline areas is opened up on the fringes of the Kielder forest, more landing stages, offering interesting tour options, are planned.

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Physics with Modern Acoustics

Class I: D Manvell: N D Porter.

Class II (Div 1): M Brooke: N J Burroughs. C J James: R Lloyd-Lewis: J P Newton.

Class II (Div 2): C T Lawton. D Maundrill: S C Mitchell: R Wright.

Faculty of Human Studies

BSc

Economics

Class II (Div 1): K Anderson: H L Cockram: J C Neumann: S L Roberts.

Class II (Div 2): J C Davies: S Deol: S A Fulton: L M Herodotou: E Holmberg: D A Irwin: M J L King: A J McNeile. A F Ogunlami. O M Pearce G R Pulham: M J A Stewart

Linguistic and International Studies (French)

Class I: S J Sklair.

Class II (Div 1): S A Bartlett A Frederickson: J F S Horrell: G R King: M Lashwood: K L Laughton: T J Lee: M Littlewood: E V Millar: H C Rose: M M N Walshe: E A Wickens. K Wilson

Class II (Div 2): L K Blackman. E Gleininan: F J Heath. C L Houghton P D C Nicholls: I R Phillips: S J Pratt: L Rhodes: K J Sincock. R D S Sternschuss: M C Turner: P Whittaker: M G Whysall

Linguistic and International Studies (German)

Class I: J M Lowell: V A Turner

Class II (Div 1): R Baxter: J A Gilpin: S Hamilton: E F Heyhoe: R L Hopwood: N R Geens; S F Hurst. R M Ives: J D Morgan; S L Perry: K A Phillips: D C Porter: T L Stryjakiewicz.

Class II (Div 2): J Brierley: L P Chapman: C J Elsom: N Graham G E Jones: S E Lindsay: J E Neason: K E Pardoe: G E Watt.

Linguistic and International Studies (Russian)

Class I: R C Pegg.

Class II (Div 1): A D Howells

Class II (Div 2): A J Jones.

Russian and Soviet Studies

Class I: S J Seaman.

Class II (Div 1): J S Clark: M Ostrowski: J E L Paver: T M Spence: N Woodward.

Class II (Div 2): A M Baguley: F L Friend: J C Holmes: D P N Hope: N E Killen: A M Larkin: C Markham. V J Page: B D Saint: N J Sessons.

Hotel Management

Pass with Credit: D K W Kwok: A S K Mak: M Papadopoulos: D A M Tenn; G R Thomassen.

Pass: G Chingara: A J Cook: M A Evans: S K L Li: S Y Mok: E-K E Oiler N Papastavrou: T Stavri: A M Williams: E F G Zegers.

Hotel and Catering Management

Class I: R A Walker.

Class II (Div 1): S E Barker: D M Bell: M B W Brew: W C M Chu: L A L Dunn. R J Ewers: G I Ewing. D M Grinsell. S E Jones: C J P Kiely: E J North. N P O'Regan. L Pantazi. J S Patterson: M C Pilcher: K F Rawll: P R Rossiter: W R Taylor: C Vickery. N J Walker: C Yates.

Class II (Div 2): S A Afrial. L E Arnold: M L Cheong Peng. C F Davies: A Deshmukh: R N Down: T Chinn: J A Gibbons: S R Hampton: D A Harris: S J Harvey. V P Hicks. S P Holley. P R Holloway: K E Kench: A C B Kendall: A L King: M H S Lee: T R Lewis: A F D S Nagel: R C Powell: R H M Pringle: T V Rydon: O A R A R Sheltan: M Smith: E F Soldani, J Solomonides. P A Vila: R P Wilson.

Class III: S R Modi.

Department of Music

BMus

Academic and Practical Applications of Music

Class II (Div 1): E G Brown: S N Jackson: M J Last: S M Mackay: A A Mackie. A S Martin: B Miller. K A Morrison. D W Richardson.

Class II (Div 2): G M Brierley: B M Kearney: R I Sutcliffe: P Young.

Music and Sound Recording (Tonmeister)

Class II (Div 1): J Abbiss: K D Blair: P D Condon: J Dell: S A Lewis.

Class II (Div 2): C P Doran: C L Venables.

BA

Dance in Society

Class II (Div 2): G J England: W A Sanders.

Department of Psychology

BSc

Psychology

Class II (Div 1): C Clunies-Ross: C L Daveridge: S Goggins. E A Gray. B A Jones G J Laws W J Lee: C A Richardson.

Class II (Div 2): K L Duff. S Hastilow: R M Mayhew: C F Unwin

Class III: M C Bates

Economics and Sociology

Class II (Div 1): S Clifton: C J Large: M Ruiz.

Class II (Div 2): P Taher. P B Yeo.

Class III: A E Sturge

Applied Psychology and Sociology

Class II (Div 1): L J Callaway: C A Hinchcliff: J E Simpson: C E Thomson: R Vinetott. E F Young

Class II (Div 2): L F Clark-Wilson. L M Couldery: M A Jones: G Lowdon D McNamara. N Moore. I Smart: M J Thorrowgood.

BSc (Joint Honours)

Mathematics and Economics

Class II (Div 1): N C Dutson: S G Jackson

Class II (Div 2): D M Brown: E J Chard. R A Hillier: P J Thorogood

St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill

BA (Joint Honours)

Class I: J C Bruder. M Donnelly: G A Palmer: S L Williams.

Class II (Div 1): J Bird: B Boland: D H Bowles. D M Clarke: J P Collins. M G Coughlan: J E G Cunnell: R N M Darling. S T Day. A Dillon. G M Doherty: P B Donnelly: J L Eason: J Echevarria: E L A Fomin: R C Gibbs: C J Gibson: M M Hawkes: T W Hennessey: G A Higgins: B T James: S A Lawrence. C L Leachman: H A Loftus: C J Macandrew: S Manassian: J A D McCrossan: T A McNulty: A O'Connor: H S Pagett: R L Palmer: M R Pentecost: L Pitman. S J Pugh: C G Salote: H J Shayer: N A Spurgeon. C Stockton: M C Wilson. W M Wood

Class II (Div 2): J M Alford. T R C All: S F Axworthy S L Banton: B M Barker: T J Blewett: V R Brennan: C M Cahill I J Casey: J M Connor: L A Croxton. J Daley. A C Damian-Grint: P J Dolman: H M Duffy J A J Edeam. V A English: C J Farmery: S-L Faulkner L I Fell. I A Foster: H T Gale A K Gilmore: S J Glavin. H C R Godfrey: G F Gray. J A Hammond: P J Hanton: S C Hardy. S Hobday. J Hirstwayte. M D S Jones. L J Judd: S P Kinahan: F A King. J A Lea: C M J Lehane: J W Lewis: S C Manning. B T McDonald: J R McDonnell: G R McDuff. J A McGrath. J P McMillan G A Meredith R T Monaghan. E Mooney. J P Mullen. L A Nicholl. L J Nolan: D G F O'Donnell. S J Papworth. C T Powell. C J Randall: M Reid: P Riley: A M Rosbrook: M F Rouse. S P Ryan: C D Sargent. A B Segalini: C Seqtub. E A Shelley. A F Sloan. T J Smith: J C Sparrow. A M Speer. A J Steward V A D Szudek: B M Terrill. M J Till: M J Toms. V A Townsend: M A Walsh. A A Whelan: P L Williams. S K Wyatt.

Class III: P Achenbach: J T Barnes: L E Basquill: P J Callaghan: M Cass: S Chaudhuri. H S Gregson. R Grey: J J Hawkins. L S Hewitt. S M R Hicks: K F Horn. M A Millar. J Y Owen: R K J Perkins. O M C Phelan: M C Sheridan

Pass: E B Carroll: A M James.

Ordinary: H A McDonald.

BSc (Joint Honours)

Class I: E L Garton: C P Howe. P J Simpson. H M Teasdale

Class II (Div 1): A P Brown: B A J Colton: A Curnow. P R Doherty: B T Folan. S M Frost: M L Harris: V C King: R Newcombe: B M O'Rourke: S J Reece. A G Reynolds: K J Smith. S S Wasielko. L J Williams: N Wort

Class II (Div 2): J R Ashby: P J Brown. M J Clarke: L A Dodd: G Ferguson. J M Forshaw: N Haq: M A Harmer. L M Haynes: C P Ilsley: T J Jenkins: A M Keyte. N Mackie: S W Martin A P Mawdsley C J Norman: A J Notley. A O'Brien: L A O'Kane: F M O'Sullivan. S Omer: L A Parsell. M Preen C S Reid: S M Rogers. J V Scragg. D J Spink. C L Walker: M Wolfe

Class III: H D Barnett. A C Davies. E Garcia-Claram: J M Gardner. D H Garnham. W G Johnson. M J Madden. C E Palmer. D P Rowan. G B Taylor. L A Townsend: C A Walshe.

Pass: T S McGrath.

BEd (Junior)

Class I: C Brooks

Class II (Div 1): K E Bellinger: P A Caffrey. M J Christie. J M Foster: C A Harry: E M Kearney: S M Kimber: J M T Mahoney: L J Simpson: C Vollans: B Yeates.

Class II (Div 2): A M Amooty: T J Bradley: D P Brereton: V M Burke: C L Carter. P J Davis: C P A Drennan: F M Feehan: G Gardiner. A Havenhand V M Jatechnyk: A J Nichols. J K Olivey: B Redzikowska: D C Robinson: K A Sadler. J E Skarbonkiewicz. K H Slack: H Williams

Class III: E F R Lampley.

BEd (Secondary)

Class II (Div 1): R J Aeworth: J M Callinan: D L Carter. I I Clinton: H A Costello. E M Harrison: L A F Porro: J A Wellstead.

Class II (Div 2): N L Allan: A C L Conway. M C Corcoran: S G Craig: A L De-Sousa. N K Du-Bisette: C M Farrell: A M Flewitt: B Harris: J F Maguire L M Martin. D L Millman: J E Szyndler. T M Vine.

Class III: D Greenall.

Ordinary: M J Egan: N Kenny: G E McConvey: N C Pearson.

North East Surrey College of Technology

BSc

Nursing Studies

Class I: E A Jenner: M MacLellan.

Class II (Div 1): D H Cruickshank: D A Cuff, P G Joseph: B F O'Brien: D L Sheppard.

Class II (Div 2): H A Greenfield: C Heading: N D Lord: M S Rough.

Roehampton Institute of Higher Education

BA (Joint Honours)

Class I: S M Barber: J M Blazdell. S J Brown. B Hughes: G R King: P M McNeany: J M Scott

Class II (Div 1): S Akroyd: B L Allen: K P Anderson: J L Atkinson: E A Bach: J E Barham: E A Beaney. K E Belcher. D Bendall: A E Bertorelli: C S Boddy. C A M Bolsio. A L Brennan: J C Brinsford: A J Broome: S F Burn: W Bygrave. K E Byrne: J A Christmas: V F Clare. S M Clarke. P Collins: B T Conneally. L A Connell S E A Cooper. J M Cox: M F Coyle: M T Curran. L C De Prudhoe: C A Diggins: S Dudman: E A Edmundson. R J Efemey. K E Ellis: K A I Eyre: C M Fagan: P W Farmer: V M Faulkner: R Friel: H J Green: A J Hair: M N A Hanes. S T Herd: K Hewetson: K T Holmes: S M Howard. D Humeniuk: P M James. C A Jones H A Jones: N M Karn. P S Kerslake: S E King: A L King. M K Y Kruger K S Ledger: J A Lockwood. A-M Martin: C R May: S L Murell. S E Molton. T M Moran: S E Morgan: D Morgan S R Moyle: Y Nobis M D O'Connell: K M O'Sullivan J L Parkin. J Patch: K B Pearce. R Phillips: R E Phipps: J Pickersgill: O M Plunkett. E P Prideaux. I A F Rodriguez. L Seydlitz: F C Skinner. J L Skipper: S J Thompson: H E Tildesley: Y Treszer: A M Ward. C L Watson: J S Wilding. S Wiles S R Williams. S Williams. P P Williams: K M Wilson: M M Yolland: Z E Yull.

Class II (Div 2): M M Ahmad: E A Ankey: M B Askew. C J Atkins: D J Austin: D J Awcock: S K Baan: L C Banks. F M Bartlett. J L Bassett: L G Bater. G M H Bennett. J E Blatch: J M Booth: N J Bourne: G S Bowers: A C Boyns: H Bradley. S D Bradley: J F Braybrook. S P Brooks. R A Brown: P K H Buckman: C E Budden: K A M Bull. K L Burns: D E Chamberlin: J B Channing: L C Chaplin: J Christian: P A Clayton. L C Colloby. D L Cripps. P A Daniel S Davis: M J Davis: D F Dean: Y B Dickerson: A M Dickinson J M Dixon. D L Douglas: A F J Dowle: R M Drake. S J Duncan A L Duncan. H J Dunn. S M Edward: J H Elliott. J D Emmanuel: A Englefield: D B Estridge: D E Evans. C S Evans. A J Feeney. S J Ford: E H Forster. C P Foster. K E Frears. J Gamble. D Gardner: S E Gear. C R Gibby: A M Gillard. A L Girling. E F Goddard: K E Gordon: S J Green: C Greensmith: J N Griffiths: C J Grimes. J C Hale: J V Hanson L S Hardcastle. M J Hardy: J L Harraghy: T F Hawkey. J C M Hazelding. V C Hebbes: A S Hempsall: G S Henderson: L J C Henwood: S C Higgins. N C M Hill: K J F Hill: P C Hodge. L C Holland: A J Holmes: E M L E Hurst: A C Hussey. S J Hutchful. C M Inglethorpe: M J Irving: C A Irwin: D R Jackson: J D Jackson: M Jaques: S L M Jarema: P M Jary: N Jemil: A N Johns: J A Kearsley: K Kennedy. D R Lagden: B Langton. K T Lewis: C F Loftus: A J Love: M E Lowder. J A Lynes: M A Major: C P Marshall. H N Martin. L J Marwood: J R Mason: S H Maxwell: I L McAllister: F C McHarg: K E McIntyre. Y E McKenley: A J McKie. S A Mealor: R A Metcalfe: M J Miller: M S Modise: R E U Moloney: A M Mulhearn: S I C Murton: M R A Needs: S C O'Connor: J M O'Donnell: R M O'Mahony: A Of Greece: B M H Oldfield: Y Q Oliver: K J Osment: S A Pacey: S Parrish. A G Pascoe: L R Penaligon: A S Pongracz: P S C Porter: A J Pow. D M Prosper: A Purvis. P J Quirke: A J Ratcliffe: M C Reeve: D M Revie: J H Reynolds. T K Rix: A M Roach. S M Robinson: M A Roman: H J Rooney: J V Rose. M A Rowcliffe. A D Sayers: J Saywell: S A Searchfield: A E Shingler: N S Short: A R Simpson: P R Sinclair: W H Slater: S J Smith: J Sobey: R J Sprackien: S G Standring: P A Stanley: M E Symes: A M C Taylor. J S Thomas: V A Thomas: S J Toombs: K A Tozer: E L Tuck: I R Tucker: S A Turpin: S J Twyman: C J Ulley: F E Vecchione. C B Vince: H A Walker: F M Wardle: J C Warman: L-A Warrilow: K S Watkins: T Watson: J A Welch: R H Williams: K L Wilson. A J Wine. A Wiseman: A J Wood: H S Woodcock: K E Woodcock: E Wormald: M A Worsdell.

Class III: H R Atkinson: A Black: T M B Breen: A-M Carson. J M Cartwright: P J Cave. M A Clarke: G B Colley: J Coschignano: E P Crawford: J M Davies: M C Flynn: B J M Foley. S J Gilder: A C Hellett: I K M Holland: H D J Jones: C M McBrien: K A Moodie: C A Oliver: C E Owen: A M A Skeele. A K J Smith-Lawrence. G E Suff: A Thomas. N M Wright.

Pass: E J Lake. D K Taylor.

Ordinary: A E Ledgerwood.

BSc (Joint Honours)

Class I: S J Robbins.

Class II (Div 1): P M Arnold: P D R Banthorpe: C M A Balkin: A S Beattie: R J Beesley: S A Bersted: J M Bissex: S Booth. S J Callaghan: E A Cale: E J Chana. D C Chessman: C S Clegg: T C Cullen. P E Culshaw. S Dassa. A J Davies: E A Davis. P E Dunne. A Ellery: S C Ewens. K E Fitzpatrick: C L Gilbert: A Grantham: J Hammond. R F Hawkins: P Hichens: J M Hill: C A J Hill: S M Holland: K E Hopkins. S Hunte: B A Hylton: D N Kay: N J Lee: R M Lloyd: A Marshall: L M McCabe: N D Mills: J L Mitchell: J L Ney: D A P Nixon. J S Nunn: R G N Perrett: W R Petherick: E M Robertson: J T Seymour. S S Shrimpton. S-A Simmons: E H Udale: G C Walker. M H Way: P B Wilkinson: I Wilson: V F Woolcock

Class II (Div 2): W A Adam: E A Anderton. S Ashworth: H L Aston: S E Austin. V J Barker. M A Barrett: A K Bartlett. N A Beckwith. D P J Berresoets: J M Bird: S M Bloom: C R Blundell. E J Bone: W G G Bos: M J Bourke. N E Bowcher: C J Brown: S A Champion: K Chuter: D I Clarke. S D Clarke: J A Clary: K J Coakley: S A Coles: A P Cooper: L M Da Silva: L R Da Silva: G M Dacombe: A C David: P Davies: C J Davis: K J Dickson: J L Dinning: J D Diver: S Dooley: G H Douglas: A J Downes: A L Field: M A L Finlay: A R French: J S R Frost: C M Grace: J L Griggs: S J Hales: C M Hall: C B Harrigan: L F Hartle. P R Hayes. N J Hill: P V Hillman. N Hodgkiss: S Howard: S L Huelin: G M Humby: S M Jackson: S E Kelly. S M Kyan: B Ladeiobi: T Lavin: D W M J Leacy: Y-K Liu: S Long: G P Lynch: Z V Malewicz: M L Manning: C C R Maple. S J H Mason. H L Mawdsley: S J Maye: L M Melconian. H J Mills. J A Mitchell. M Modak. C F Moloney: J A Morris. I P Mortimer: S R Moston. A J Moulder: A Naylor: S Ng: H R Noble: S J O'Meara. J L Oates: K M Opie. S J Parker. G E Parsonage. A O Pearey C R Pickering: N J Poole. N R Querer. R D R Relton. L M M Richardson: N C A Robinson: L Rourke. P S Rycroft. J E Sale: C A Sandford: K M Seabrook: R W Sheryn C J Skellorn. J L Skelton. P E H Smee: K M Smyth: K R Stuart: P Suggitt. K L Svendsen. E O Szytko. S D Taylor: L C Thomas. E R Thomas. P A Thornton. C W Tolliday: A Vadi. C M Walker. L M Winsley: R C Weaver: C E Wells: S Westhead: H M Wilson. D K F Wong. C S Wood. J Woollett: K E Wolton: P J Wymer. P A Wynn: G J Wynter

Class III: V M Anderton. R L E Bernardes: S Bradburn. M S Griffin. R B Holland. J Hyde. A M Jones. A T Lepkowska. P D Massey S P McShane: J A Moreland. S P Owen: D J Powell: R A Rackham: P J Richardson: L M Simmons. S Sundaramurthy: E J Thomas. L J Wileman

Pass: M J Roberts.

BEd (First Year)

Class I: K L Elms: M C Griffiths: H J Johnson. D Noy. S J Peters: J L Wallace. J J Wells.

Class II (Div 1): M Abidi: N D M Allport A J Ashton. M L Bassett. F J Berrey: J L Brown: S Brown: C J Bryant. C C Burke. L C Charman: K A Chatfield. D P Creed. A L Crook. A J Depeza. K J Ellingham: J A Firebrace: S L Fleming: R E Forward. C M Frampton. M Gambrill. S Griffiths: C I Harris. S T Hill. A J Ince: E L Kibble. A R C Lait: C A Lang: M T Lawless: J M Lewis. J Lewis. T M Maund: W M Nelder: A J Osborne : C B Parker: J S B Potter: C L M Prentice H M Roberts: J F Sheridan: S H Smith: K M Taverner. R J Verney. H M Waight: M C Walker: J R Wheatley. J A Yarham.

Class II (Div 2): N J Adams. S J Argent. A M Bass: S-A Beadle. H V Berryman: H F Blatchford. J C Broad: V J Brook A E Carter. K Calbie: N J Clarke: R M Crawford: A P Crawley. H J Cropper. E M Cummings: K H Daniells: S M Ellison: A J Foster: C H Fulford: A E Georgiades: F M E Gregg: C A Griffin. A C Grogan: H M Hampson. E J King. S F Land: E A Lloyd: K A Lockwood. A M Marshall M M McCabe: K McGrane: R S Miles. K B Mills. S C Minns: A E Moore: C C Murray. H Murray S Mynheer. M-G Neale. M D Nuttall K Pursey. J L Purves-Hume: D E Rhodes: H A Riordan. S E Robinson. N Savva: L F Stevens. N Sykes. S L Walker. E S Warner: S J Webb. M C Webster. R M Widdowson: L A J Willmott.

Class III: M Bonnefoy: N M Davis: J M Goldring: J A McCarthy.

BEd (Middle Year)

Class I: K J Fairbeard. B T Falvey

Class II (Div 1): C P Booker: G E Christie. U M Clark. A K Daley: C De Roussier: Z O Fernandes. R T Fielding. J E Gilbert. S E Kilby. V M Moruzzi: S A O'Donnell J F O'Halloran: S A Oliphant: A Salmon: S-A Todd: V J Turton. M E H Warner: D A Whelan: H A Willard

Class II (Div 2): S J Arnold: C T Baker. G T Bazergani. E M Boothroyd: E C Broomfield Y C Brown: R Calhani. H K Cresswell: N M Duffy J K N Farrar. C Fricker. V Grillo: P G Hayes. L M Holgate: L A Hurley: J A Laker: V C Lawley: J F Lucas. P M Macdonald: M M McLoughlin. A M Murphy: J E Peck. M D Read. V D Sawyer. D S Seward. R S Sharma. M H Shepherd: C J H Smith: T J Springer: B Trembath: A J White

Class III: B R Roach.

Pass: P Muthian.

BEd (Secondary)

Class II (Div 1): L E Blaskett: P E Campbell. P J Ronchetti

Class II (Div 2): G A Layland. S E McIntyre: C A Monteith: P J Wright.

List of degrees announced by the City University

The following degrees have been announced by the City University.

MEng

Civil Engineering

C T Erbrich.

Mechanical Engineering

J R Prior: S Simonian.

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

S J Albutt: T J Bourne: K R Harrison: P G Hersom: S G Lewis: A J Morley: J F Tulodziecki.

Aeronautical Engineering

N Brewin: V Chandarana: G A Clayden: P B Mortley: P A Peachman.

Control, Instrumentation & Systems Engineering

S E Dows.

BSc

Civil Engineering

Class I: R T Baker: A P C Smith.

Class II (Div 1): A L Cozens: I G Devonshire: R E Francis: L Horrocks: R C Lockyer: K A Morris.

Class II (Div 2): I Armstrong: M Axon: M P Basterfield: J P Birch: A N Ellis: M Fisentzou: A Hadjigeorghiou: A D Hodgkins: M A Huttlestone: G D Killick: S Macmillan: S Manji: R L Taylor: A B Wade: G Wilde.

Class III: J A Blinkhorn: C D Child: S J Goulder: G B Jones: C J Lowndes.

Mechanical Engineering

Class I: K T Lee.

Class II (Div 1): M P Bache: G Charalambous: J S Faragher: R A Fisher: G J Hall: K Y Lee: S R Long: D A Mackinnon: I Qureshi: P Voskos: P J Whistler.

Class II (Div 2): N G C Barber: D M Bryan: C Carey: R Ferris: A Gell: A M Herd: A P Hone: A Huang: W K Law: M J Levis: A J Morford: J D Prema: J R A Preus: J P Pullen: K J Robertson: S A Rodriguez: N Roubanis: R G Swenson: N H Townsend: M J Weston.

Class III: J W Begley: T J Deatker: S K E Ip: A N Tozer.

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Class I: T J Harrington: M Kyriakidou: C J Smith: R C Swain: C K Wong.

Class II (Div 1): U F Ahmed: M Balroop: K H Choi: G D Ford: M A Ing: N Kumra: P M Loveridge: R N Pearson: J Smith: A W Thomas: E M Watson: H L Williams.

Class II (Div 2): O Ahmed: A C O Anjorin: G S Bahia: A M Cammack: C W Cheung: C S George: M H Green: N A Harrop: D Hill: C R James: P J Karwowski: F M J Kong: A V Kuber: J M Leyden: T C Lin: D N McCarthy: P D Morris: I J Parr: J D Phillips: G S Sunner: P L Sutton: J R E Wood: M S Wu.

Class III: E Abrahamian: A S Allen: N A Barrett: R G Cook: D J George: S Kanagaratah: M Kwok: D G Mulvein: D K M Shaw: G T Smith: L G C Snell: N H Thew: K A Wilson.

Pass: M Kannas.

Computer Engineering

Class II (Div 1): P G W Beart.

Class II (Div 2): G R Beavis: T Christodoulou: M S Clemens: N Nikolaou: N Paradisiotis: S C Woodward.

Class III: L S S Ah-Choon: K S B Fok: T W R Hung: P S Pharoah: S Verma.

Pass: W K P Loong.

Control, Instrumentation and Systems Engineering

Class I: S J Flower: P R Oram: N D Shilling.

Class II (Div 1): M A Ashoor: J Bidin: I Brennep: M C Chow: M D Dawson: M T Doyle: A V Fernandopulle: H V Raina.

Class II (Div 2): S Ahmed: S K Amin: T S Erbe: P P Horsley: H E Masterson: R D Mills: S K Patel.

Aeronautical Engineering

Class I: W J Tudor.

Class II (Div 1): F Innes.

Class II (Div 2): S R Hare: K M Jones: A W Stapleton: R I Walton.

Class III: D R Jones.

Pass: R S Randhawa.

Ordinary: N M R Jones.

Air Transport Engineering

Class I: N J Butt: H D English.

Class II (Div 1): A P Day: G C Young.

Mathematical Science

Class I: G M Ellis: J D Eva: A J McDowell: H M Potter: D Rigby.

Class II (Div 1): M J Balliet: S A Brock-Gunn: S R Davis: S A Harris: S J Hills: G M A Kilkelly: M Leckenby: M J Lockyer: A J Middleton: K A Smith: L C Whitehead: M U Woodruff.

Class II (Div 2): R H Cousins: J D Curtis: S Desai: J E Duggan: D J Errington: A Griffioen. V A Hollis: J W Loughnane.

Pass: P J McDonnell.

Actuarial Science

Class I: J M Charles: M B James: D B Rawlinson: D J Still: M L Underhill.

Class II (Div 1): D R Adkins: D M Atkinson: S J Day: P D England: D M Jackson: K Ved.

Class II (Div 2): S J Breban: C J Cutler: P L Devlin: N D Hartley: J Holmes: K Kenny: A J Kirby: A R Mundy: T J Porter: J C Salmon: M J Saunders: J R Starling: A A Swain: A C Teale.

Class III: R J Calladine: C Tagg: N A Yerassimou.

Pass: D M D Darbasi: N P Watson.

Computer Science

Class I: T N Do: A Gull: G Haynes: I M Keates: N J Lombard: P Lybereas: P M Sleat.

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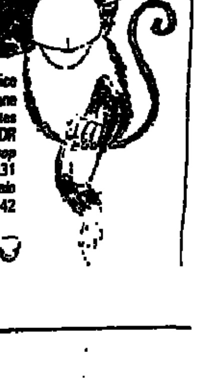

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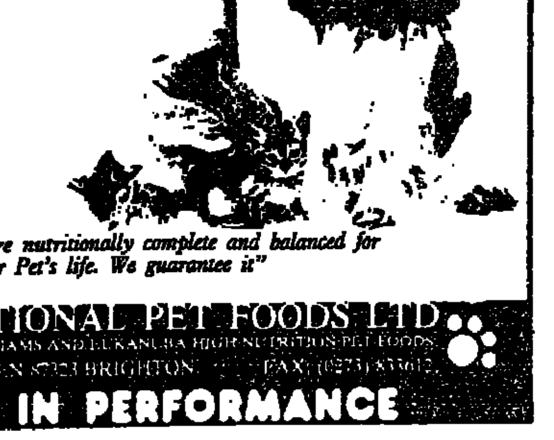

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A net bulging with raw talent

CRICKET: TIME FOR CHANGE

The Test and County Cricket Board assembles today for its summer meeting. In the final part of our three-part series *Andrew Longmore* finds encouragement, amid the decline at the top level of the English game, in the state of youth cricket

Changing position: Macleay (left) and Forward, of Hampshire under-19s, prepare to bat at Brasenose College, Oxford (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Whenever the national team take a drubbing, the reflex action is to look at the structure of the game and mutter the shibboleths of defeat. Well, of course, they do not play cricket in the schools and none of the teachers is interested. There are no grounds and no groundsmen. Youngsters are interested in too many other sports to bother about cricket.

Ten years ago — perhaps even less than that — the structure of our national summer game would not have stood up to such an examination. It was a rickety edifice built haphazardly on the backs of individuals — teachers, parents, amateur coaches — who had a passion for the game and the time and inclination to share it with others. To a certain extent that is still the case.

Without the dedication of a limited band of enthusiasts many more potential England players would fall by the wayside than do now. But the difference is that they are *all working inside a solid* framework of youth cricket, established by such bodies as the English Schools' Cricket Association, the National Association of Young Cricketers and the National Cricket Association.

"There is more youth cricket being played in this country than at any time before," Brian Aspital, secretary of the NCA, says. "But what has happened over the past three or four years since the problems in the schools is that the clubs have taken over the job of bringing on young players. Most major league clubs have colts' sections now and that is a very healthy development."

You only have to look at the fixture list for youth cricket in Britain to see proof of that. Instead of watching England going down to inevitable defeat against West Indies at the Oval, you could have instead watched the finals of the NatWest Bank under-13 club championship at Sherborne, or the regional finals of the Texaco under-16 county championship, or even popped down to Appleby Frodingham to see Netherlands play Denmark in a quadrangular schools under-15 tournament on Humberside.

This week you could have gone to Oxford or Cambridge to watch the cream of the nation's under-19 county side in the NAYC Esso festival or the regional final of the Sun Life of Canada under-15 club championship. That is apart from the myriad of representative county and schools matches at all levels from under 11 to under 19. Much of it is limited-overs cricket but it is cricket none the less.

"There is no doubt about the quantity of cricket being played at junior level," John Brown, director of coaching for Derbyshire, says. "It's just the quality that is a bit worrying. A lot of schools in the county are just not playing cricket and though the clubs have taken up the mantle in introducing youth teams — and they generally have better wickets than the schools — the transition has taken time."

Colin Brown, the chairman of ESCA, has been hit particularly hard by the recent trend. As a cricket-loving headmaster of a large comprehensive, he has watched his game disappear from the curriculum. "The teachers' strike didn't help; a lot of teachers are not prepared to take the time out of their allotted hours to coach or organize cricket," he says.

"But part of the problem is that we haven't got the cricketers coming in from the PE colleges because cricket is not on their curriculum. We offer an incredible range of sports for the kids, but the standard of each of them becomes diluted. The trend is starting to go back towards specialization, but at some point someone has got to say: cricket is part of our education, get it put back on the curriculum."

Often, Brown says, the school will have to be told by a local club when *it has a talented cricketer in its* midst so he can be nominated by the school for representative school sides. Once a boy has been spotted, most counties have the structure for playing and coaching which could, in theory, take him down the road to first-class cricket. The problem for a county coach like Phil Russell, of Derbyshire, or Colin Page, Kent's director of coaching, is to make the initial contact.

"If we can get the schools just to tell boys who are interested in the game to get in touch with their local club, then, hopefully, we can take him on from there. The problem is to make that contact. Cricket has always been an expensive sport to play and that can put boys off if they don't get the encouragement early enough," Russell says.

Even in a relatively wealthy county like Kent, with a large population and a good relationship between the county club, the clubs and the schools, finances are a problem. Page will start this October to sift through the recommendations from schools and clubs for nine-year-olds to come to special coaching at one of the four regional centres. Most of the county's home-grown players in the last 20 years have begun their careers there and Page will be looking for another one or two this year to keep the succession going. But he recognizes that these are the "privileged few."

"We only have enough money to help those who we *think have that* little bit of talent to become professionals," Page says. "We'd like to offer the opportunity to everyone and we never turn our backs on anyone. But if our selection process could be repeated 10 times over, then it would obviously be much better.

"*I feel sorry for those kids* who live way out and who get no encouragement from their school or from their parents. Somewhere there is an eight or nine-year-old who could play for England but will probably never play cricket, and that is a nightmare."

Reg Scarlett, the former West Indian Test player who runs the Haringey Cricket College in north London, is highly critical of this aspect of the English system. Scarlett feels that if the raw talent on the streets — particularly Asians and West Indian immigrants — is to be developed, the net will have to be passed very much wider

"I do a lot of coaching for ESCA and the NCA," Scarlett says. "But I find that I get the same kids each time and some are clearly not there on merit. If you get into the system you never get out, while others with a lot more talent are sitting around doing nothing.

"You can't expect a kid from *Brixton to walk down to a club in* Dulwich and say 'Here I am.' It just won't happen. But yet there are hundreds of kids from those areas who are bursting to play cricket.

One of the initiatives taken by the TCCB to maintain cricket's presence in primary and junior schools has been Kwik cricket, which has been demonstrated at all the Test matches this summer. It is a slightly *more formal version of street* cricket with plastic equipment and no pads. Everyone gets a game and, the board hopes, everyone who plays will want to progress further.

So far 4,000 cricket sets have been sold this year, which augurs well for the game in the playground, and, on the principle that the broader the *base the better the top, for the first*-class game, too.

But proliferation of youth cricket has its drawbacks. A talented cricketer can be subject to several different coaches, not all of them good. "We are in danger of creating textbook robots as batsmen and when the ball does do a bit they are in trouble," Colin Brown warns. "We mustn't coach out flair." Equally, boys can be asked to play too much cricket when their bodies are not ready for it.

A good schoolboy could play as many as 80 competitive matches in a season, Ken Ingman, ESCA's under-19 manager, says."The rate of injury in young bowlers is particularly high and often they are playing so much there is no time for decent practice," he says.

The decline in the standard of Oxbridge cricket, the increasing pressure of examinations on schools, poor pitches, lack of equipment, the poor standard of second XI county cricket — all can be used as excuses for the failure of our national side. But of one thing you can be sure: there will always be too much cricket or too little cricket, too much coaching or too little coaching, too much overs cricket and not enough money. The balance will never be right, at least until we beat the Australians next summer.

● The photograph which illustrated yesterday's articles in this series was of Mohammad Azharuddin, the *Indian batsman, not Ravi Shastri,* his compatriot.

Counties take new line on fast bowlers

By Andrew Longmore

The Derbyshire coach, Phil Russell, gesturing towards a tall fast bowler with a good action and no meat, said: "If Kent had the chance, they should put that boy away for a year or two and pay *him to get strong." It will* not happen of course, no county has the money to burn on idleness, which is why, in Russell's view, we have very few fast bowlers.

"You won't *win* Test matches without two decent fast bowlers and you won't beat the West Indies until you *have four like they do. The* problem is that we expect our fast bowlers to perform every day, week in, week out. When a quick bowler like Jarvis comes into the game at 17 or 18 they are simply not strong enough."

It is a point not lost on Colin Page, who has watched Alan Igglesden develop into one of the most promising bowlers in the country — when he's fit. "I would like to pay him not to go abroad this winter, but to go on a fitness schedule ready for next year. Chris Penn has had his best season this summer and I'm sure it's because he stayed at home last winter," Page says.

Michael Holding never *bowled more than 18 overs in* a day before he came to Derbyshire, Russell adds. "The problem is that you have to pay more bowlers to be on the staff and not many counties can afford to do that. We've got the batsmen coming through, but not the bowlers."

Russell has a *tough* job finding and coaching enough talent to keep his small county going. He laments the lack of traditional hunting grounds: there are no public schools and the mines have closed down.

So Russell scours the country, looking for scraps from other county's tables, as he calls it. He had al*ready watched a first-class and* a minor counties game this week. Now he was at an under-19 game between Derbyshire and Kent, part of the NAYC Esso festival, hoping to find that gem in which only he sees the sparkle.

He said: "The talented players stand out a mile. But everyone sees them as well. At this level, you are *looking for* them to enjoy their cricket. They should have a sound technique by now but then you have to look at their attitude. County cricket is an arduous job and you've got to have heart. So many haven't."

Not far away, Alan Ealham, of Kent, was casting his eye over the same potential. Now *in charge of the second XI at* Canterbury, Ealham was also looking for his future professionals. Fielding is what he looks for: "It tells you so much about a player's co-ordination and about his attitude. If he's keen, wants to play and has good hand and eye co-ordination — all the things you want in a good cricketer — he'll be a good fielder."

The fact that both Ealham and Russell had made the effort to watch their under-19 side was encouraging in itself. Counties are already finding that, with only one overseas player able to play in their county side, they are being forced back on to their own resources. The question is — are they *looking in the right* places?

This season, Derbyshire have taken on Frank Griffiths, a young all-rounder from Reg Scarlett's Haringey College. It is a gamble, but Russell says it is one worth taking."He's a *superb* athlete and he's got a chance of making the grade. Usually, the best coloured athletes are channelled off into athletics or *boxing* before cricket can get to them.

"He might make the grade, he might not, but it's worth taking the risk because that's where your future fast bowlers are coming from — not from here," he says, taking a sudden interest in proceedings as a *little left-arm spinner wins* the game for Kent.

YACHTING

Muir's crew tries for a clean sweep and record

From Barry Pickthall, Honolulu

Windward Passage, the latest *Frers-designed maxi-yacht* owned by Rod Muir, looked like taking a clean sweep in the Kenwood Cup ocean racing series off Hawaii last night by taking line honours in the final 775-mile Round-the-State race.

The 80-foot Australian yacht, which has taken the winning gun in each of the four previous races during this series, pulled out an 80-mile advantage over her Australian rivals. Sovereign and Ragamuffin, overnight and was chasing Boomerang's three-day 22-hour record over the final 100 mile distance to the finish.

The stripped-out maxi, whose crew of 26 has survived on a diet of sandwiches for the past four days, had to maintain a target speed of 11 knots past the *islands Maui and Molokai to the* finish line at Diamond Head, off Honolulu.

Leading on handicap yesterday was the American yacht, Insatiable, who, with team mates Bravura IV and Champosa V, gave the United States team a three-place advantage in the overall Kenwood Cup positions over Australia.

Indulgence, the sole remaining British yacht, was in eighth place early yesterday, 34 miles behind her class rival Insatiable, but with these *smaller* boats still to circumvent the last remaining weather gate at Hilo Bay on the eastern side of Hawaii, an American victory in this series was still far from certain

RUGBY LEAGUE

Elite battle for space

The names of the greatest players in rugby league history, whose portraits or photographs will appear in the new Hall of Fame, will be announced next week. The new venture will be housed at the Bentley Arms at Oulton, Leeds, and will be officially opened in October (Keith Macklin writes).

There is limited space, and a selection has had to be made of all contenders for the title of "all-time great." Next Tuesday the announcement of the chosen stars from throughout the 93-year history of rugby league will be made by a committee

There is bound to be much argument and controversy when some great names are found to be left out through lack of space

However, among the near certainties are Harold Wagstaff, of the great Huddersfield team and Rorke's Drift teams of 1914, Wigan's powerful winger Billy Boston, and the captain of the 1958 Battle of Brisbane international, Alan Prescott, who led his team to victory with a broken arm.

POWERBOATING

Seebolds return to home base

By Bryan Stiles

The father-and-son combination of Billy and Mike Seebold will be operating in familiar territory in the fifth round of the Budweiser World Grand Prix at St Louis, Missouri, on Sunday.

It is their home base and there is little they will not know about the course but they will be hard pressed to capture the St Louis title as their American rival, Chris Bush, has been in irresistible form this season.

The only British challenge *will be provided by Mark Wil*son. Victory would lift him to second place if no one above collects any points.

Two drivers are still recovering from the excesses of the weather on the River Liffey in the *Dublin* Grand Prix a fortnight ago. Thomas Eriksson, the Swedish driver, fractured a leg and the West German, Mike Werner, a former world champion, suffered a broken nose and a dislocated shoulder.

BUDWEISER GRAND PRIX LEAGUE

Driver	*A	B	C	D	Total
C Bush (US)	—	9	9	9	27
G Cappellini (It)	6	—	—	6	12
J Hill (GB)	—	6	4	—	10
D Johnston (US)	9	—	—	—	9
S Kerton (GB)	—	4	—	4	8
M Seebold (US)	—	—	6	—	6
M Wilson (GB)	—	3	2	—	5
J Nicholls (US)	4	—	—	—	4
M Zamparelli (GB)	2	—	—	—	4
M Werner (WG)	—	—	3	—	3
J Johnson (US)	3	—	—	—3	
D Stallard (GB)	—	—	—	3	3
M Rolls (GB)	—	—	—	1	1

*A = Augusta Grand Prix, B = Bristol, C = Lignano, D = Dublin.

SWIMMING

Golden verdict on Biondi's trials

By Steven Downes

Olympic legends take some beating, but after taking more than three-tenths off his own world record for 100 metres freestyle in Austin, Texas, on Wednesday night, Matt Biondi is looking as if he could be the man to match Mark Spitz's seven gold medals.

Even before the United States Olympic trials began, Biondi was being compared to Spitz, who at the 1972 Games won a record number of gold medals. Biondi's form this week — the 48.42sec world record being the pinnacle — now even has Olympic champions talking of the seven golds.

Rowdy Gaines, the winner of the event in Los Angeles, said: "I'm sure he doesn't like to hear this, but I have every confidence in the world that he's going to win seven gold medals in a month. He is the greatest swimmer in the world."

Biondi, though, is unlikely to have such an easy passage in any of the events he will swim in Seoul. He has also qualified for the 200 metres freestyle, and, as a former world record-holder for 50 metres freestyle, should also make the team at that event. Three relays could also contribute to his golden tally.

Biondi's seventh event is the 100 metres butterfly. That he is now also the fastest this year at *that event, having won the trials* in a personal best 53.09sec on Tuesday, will only add to the pressure facing him.

From a British viewpoint, Biondi has helped to relieve some of the expectation of one of our medal hopes, Andy Jameson. For in winning the trials, Biondi also helped eliminate one of the threats to Jameson, Pablo Morales, the world champion and record-holder.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match

11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Sri Lankans.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Southend: Essex v Hampshire; **Blackpool:** Lancashire v Somerset; **Enfield CC:** Middlesex v Surrey; **Wolverton:** Northamptonshire v Sussex; **Newark** (Worthington Simpson): Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan; **Moseley CC:** Warwickshire v Gloucestershire; **Kidderminster:** Worcestershire v Leicestershire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Western division: **Finchampstead:** Berkshire v Devon.

FESTIVALS: Oxford and Cambridge under 19.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Woolwich EBU championships (Worthing).

CYCLING: Kellogg's Tour of Britain: Fourth stages: Liverpool to Stoke and Stoke to Birmingham.

GLIDING: Open class national championship and regional (at Lasham airfield, Alton).

GOLF: Boys championship (Formby).

ORIENTEERING: Welsh festival (Lampeter).

POLO: National 15-goal handicap tournament (Cirencester).

SPEEDWAY: British League: Belle Vue v Coventry. National League: Hackney v Wimbledon; Peterborough v Eastbourne. Scottish Cup: Edinburgh v Glasgow.

SQUASH RACKETS: Young England v Finland (New Brighton).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1988: ITV 4-5 a.m. (tomorrow): Houston v Los Angeles.

BOWLS: Border/Granada 10.30-11.10 a.m., 1.45-3 p.m.: Bass Masters crown green tournament from Ellesmere Port.

CYCLING: C4 12.15.-1.15 a.m. (tomorrow): Kellogg's Tour of Britain: Fourth stages: Liverpool to Stoke and Stoke to Birmingham.

RACING: BBC2 2.25 p.m.: 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Newbury.

TRY THIS Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

HALLS BREWERY BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA:

Held in the grounds of Ashton Court Park, this is the largest event of its kind outside of the United States and this year nearly 200 commercially operated and privately owned balloons are expected, including 12 of the special-shape variety.

Among the 12 will be a flying dinosaur (official emblem of the Winter Olympics in Calgary), a flying saucer (hot-air-powered, of course), a witch, a 100ft model of Carmen Miranda and a bust of Beethoven.

Sandwiched between the recent world hot-air championships in Luxembourg and the British national championships, which start next weekend at Tiverton, pilots attend this event for relaxation; but the flying is serious, if with a party atmosphere.

How to get there: Bristol Balloon Fiesta, Ashton Court, Bristol is on the A369 south-west of the city centre and is accessible from the M5 and M4. Admission is free and there is adequate parking on a first-come, first-served basis. The fiesta begins today and balloons ascend tomorrow and Sunday from 6 a.m. The British Aeronauts Register (0761 62836) can arrange air experience flights.

RACING

Brooks prepares to follow his mentor's example

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Charlie Brooks, the latest recruit to the ranks of jumping trainers, has received his license and will have his first runner when Chalk Pit takes part in a novices' chase at Hereford on August 27.

Brooks, aged 25, will have 45 horses in his care at Uplands, Lambourn, where he is succeeding Fred Winter, who is still recovering from a fractured skull sustained in a fall at home last September.

"If you're going to get wet, you might as well go in at the deep end," he said yesterday. "It's as good a chance as anyone has ever had, but it's a tough old world and if you don't produce results you won't be hanging around for long."

The trainer is looking forward to working with Peter Scudamore, the champion jockey. "I get on well with Peter," he went on. "He's got the same attitude as I have and we can get very intense together. My basic philosophy is to help my owners enjoy themselves and to have winners."

Brooks, whose 30 victories over jumps as a jockey included a win in the Cheltenham Foxhunters' on Observe, had welcome news of Winter. "He's on holiday in Portugal, making a slow but steady recovery."

John Francome, who won all his seven championships as first jockey to Winter, was in the news on the Flat racing front at Salisbury yesterday when Jason Swift rode Ice Chocolate to a six-length win in the Netton Apprentice Stakes.

This victory gave Francome his first victory as an owner and Brooke Sanders, the trainer, her eleventh winner of the season from only 60 runners.

The 17-year-old winning jockey is the son of the late Brian Swift. "The wheel has certainly turned full circle," said Sanders. "Brian gave me my first win as a jockey on this course two years ago on Legionnaire and I never dreamt it would turn out like this."

The trip down memory lane did not end there as Swift bears an uncanny physical resemblance to his maternal grandfather, Scobie Breasley.

"I owe a lot to grandfather," said the jockey. "I rang him in Barbados last night and he gave me a few tips about how to ride Salisbury. But he won't half give me a rollocking for winning a handicap by six lengths."

For the second day running Jeremy Tree won the principal two-year-old event when Pat Eddery followed up his four-timer on Wednesday by riding Tatsfield to a two-length win in the Whitchurch Stakes.

Tree has no immediate plans for Tatsfield, but was delighted to have handed out a decisive thrashing to Henry Cecil, the champion trainer, whose even money favourite, Green Flag, could only finish fourth. "I think this is the case of local boy makes good. Perhaps that'll teach Mr Cecil not to come to Salisbury again in a hurry," he said smugly.

Fabre's hopes growing

Andre Fabre, the champion French trainer, is confident about the prospects of Soviet Star, the outsider of the three principles in the English betting on the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville on Sunday (Michael Seely writes).

Fabre believes that Soviet Star can not only take revenge on Miesque for a 2½-length defeat in Paris last autumn, but also beat Warning, the recent winner of the Sussex Stakes.

"Miesque is a wonderful filly, but I feel she may just need this race to bring her to her peak," Fabre said yesterday.

Fabre's faith in his crack miler remains absolute. "I've always said that Soviet Star is much improved this year," he countered. "He's a difficult horse to ride and we must have a strong pace. But if things go right, I'm confident that Soviet Star can beat any horse in the world over this distance."

City Index yesterday reported plenty of support for Miesque, who is now the 6-5 favourite with Warning on 13-8. Soviet Star has been cut to 5-2.

Scudamore rides four-timer

Peter Scudamore completed a 23½-1 four-timer on Maintown, Big Paddy Tom, Hi-Hannah and African Star, all trained by Martin Pipe, at Newton Abbot yesterday.

But the champion jockey narrowly escaped an horrific accident in the middle of the winning sequence. He was coasting to an easy victory on Hi-Hannah in the Phoenix Sprint Novices' Hurdle, when, only 75 yards from the post, he suddenly found two loose horses galloping straight at him from the opposite direction. Fortunately Hi-Hanna proved nimble enough to swerve out of harm's way.

Scudamore is now on the 11-winner mark and Pipe on 10. Once again they are both a long way clear of their rivals.

Yesterday's results

Salisbury

Going: firm

2.0 (1m 2f) 1, **RUMOOSH** (W R Swinburn, 9-4: Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, **Divine Law** (M Hills, 7-2); 3, **Electric Lady** (S Cauthen, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Oxide (4th), 16 Hush Child (5th). 5 ran. ½l, sh hd, 2½l, 7l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.60. DF: £4.40. CSF: £9.26. 2min 06.45sec.

2.30 (1m) 1, **ICE CHOCOLATE** (J Swift, 8-1); 2, **Sparkford Lad** (Debbie Wheatley, 8-1); 3, **Tom Rum** (M Marshall, 5-2 fav); 4, **No Jazz** (N Gwilliams, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Mrs Pistol (6th), 10 Torrance, 11 Avionne, 16 Bold Archer, 20 Sporting Idol, 25 Baynard's Blue, Nounlya, Swallow Bay, Prime Prince (5th), Achnahuaigh, Snowball David, Rockalong. 16 ran. NR: Sergeant Meryll, Fast Service. 6l, 1l, ¾l, ¾l, ¾l. Miss B Sanders at Epsom. Tote: £12.00; £2.70, £1.60, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £85.50. CSF: £64.85. Tricast: £184.12. 1min 41.22sec.

3.0 (7f) 1, **TATSFIELD** (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 2, **Elzaeem** (W Carson, 11-2); 3, **Tigani** (Paul Eddery, 5-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Green Flag (4th), 16 Oti (5th). 5 ran. NR: Rsian. 2l, ½l, nk, 1l. J Tree at Beckhampton. Tote: £3.80; £1.70, £2.30. DF: £10.70. CSF: £18.90. 1m 30.38sec. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

3.30 (1m 6f) 1, **FIRE ROCKET** (W Carson, 9-2); 2, **Lady Rosanna** (S O'Gorman, 2-1 fav); 3, ***Lafitpour*** (Pat Eddery, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Holly Brown (5th), 10 Pulsingh (6th), 12 Alcazam, 25 Alfatoun, 50 Talus, Jollienne, Picaribo (4th), Queens Romance, 100 Bet Oliver. 12 ran. NR: Mo Ceri, Flaming Pearl. 2½l, nk, *4l*, ¾l, 2l. P Bailey at Amesbury. Tote: £4.30; £1.40, £1.70, £1.70. DF: £6.80. CSF: £12.19. Tricast: £36.49. 3min *01.21sec. (hand start).*

4.0 (1m) 1, **JOHNS JOY** (W Carson, 4-1); 2, **Suntrap** (Pat Eddery, 3-1); 3, **Adbass** (S Cauthen, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Samya's Flame (4th), 10 Awsaaf (5th), 66 Come On Mother (6th). 6 ran. 1l, ¾l, 1l, 12l, 8l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £4.50; £1.70, £2.00. DF: £7.50. CSF: £15.03. 1m 42.20.

4.30 (6f) 1, **MY AUDREES** (S O'Gorman, 7-1); 2, **Levitt Lady** (N Adams, 12-1); 3, **Singh 'N' Spirits** (Pat Eddery, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav *Graticio* (4th), 9-2 Martinosky (6th), 5 Ultimate Dream, 13-2 Diadem Dancer (5th). 7 ran. hd, ¾l, ¾l, 1l, sh hd. P Mitchell at Epsom. Tote: £9.50; £3.40, £5.90. DF: £83.50. CSF: £70.40. 1min 16.82sec.

Placepot: £467.40.

Newton Abbot

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, **Othet** (Lorna Vincent, 9-4); 2, **Hay Street** (2-1 fav); 3, **One To Note** (11-1). 9 ran. NR: Endless Gossip. 8l, ½. M Usher. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £1.10, £3.10. DF: £4.50. CSF: £6.79.

2.45 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, **Maintown** (P Scudamore, 7-2); 3, **Hi High** (9-2); 3, **On Impulse** (5-1). Isom Dart 3-1 fav. 9 ran. 10l, 10l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £9.70. CSF: £18.39. Tricast: £70.40. Bought in 3,000gns.

3.15 (2m 5f ch) 1, **Big Paddy Tom** (P Scudamore, 2-7 fav); 2, **Beera Quest** (7-1); 3, **Copgrove** (25-1). 5 ran. 7l, 1l. *M Pipe.* Tote: £1.30; £1.20, £1.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.05.

3.45 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, **Hi-Hannah** (P Scudamore, 8-13 fav); 2, **Champagne Run** (9-1); 3, **Yanbu** (5-1). 8 ran. 15l, 1l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.20; £2.20, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £3.80. CSF: £7.60.

4.15 (3m 2f 100yd ch) 1, **African Star** (P Scudamore, 13-8 fav); 2, **Grey Tarquin** (6-1); 3, **Shaheat** (2-1). 5 ran. 7l, 20l. M Pipe. *Tote:* £2.70; £1.60, £2.30. *DF:* £8.20. CSF: £9.71.

4.45 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, **Arges** (B Powell, 8-1); 2, **Windbound Lass** (8-11 fav); 3, **Swift Ascent** (11-1). 7 ran. 2½l, 10l. C Popham. Tote: £7.10; £2.90, £1.50. DF: £5.00. CSF: £14.28.

Placepot: £6.90.

Wednesday's late details

Fontwell Park

Going: firm

6.45 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, **Pip** (R Dunwoody, 5-2); 2, **Thames Trader** (13-2); 3, **Pells Close** (5-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Moorland Lady. 8l, hd. S Woodman. Tote: £3.20; £1.30, £3.40. DF: £14.10. CSF: £16.81.

7.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, ***Liberty Walk*** (D Morris, 33-1); 2, **Speedy Boy** (3-1); 3, **Crook N'Honest** (15-8 fav). 7 ran. ¾l, 4l. G Gracey. Tote: £34.80; £7.60, £1.90. DF: £72.80. CSF: £117.46.

7.45 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, **Yangtse-Kiang** (G Davies, 5-4 fav); 2, **Mister Butler** (5-2); 3, **Nicky's Joy** (2-1). 3 ran. 12l, 5l. J Bradley. Tote: £2.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.91.

8.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, ***Al Asoof*** (M Richards, 4-1); 2, **Lobric** (Evens fav); 3, **Rainbow Brite** (4-1). 8 ran. ½l, 3l. P Hedger. Tote: £4.80; £1.80, £1.40, £1.50. *DF: £4.00.* CSF: £8.08. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £146.60

Blinkered first time

NEWBURY: 2.10 Demerger. **HAYDOCK:** 4.45 Paphidia, 7.45 La Festa.

Jenkins fined over Lalitpour

John Jenkins, the Royston trainer, was fined £100 by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee yesterday for running a horse which was not qualified.

Lalitpour finished last of 10 in the Queen Mother's Cup Lady Amateur Riders' race at York on June 11, but should not have been entered as he had previously won a race in France worth more than £7,000.

At a separate inquiry Devon trainer Bill Turner was fined £200 after Pooella, the winner of the Holiday Selling Hurdle at Hereford in April, failed a dope test. Pooella was disqualified and runner-up Lady Crusty promoted to first.

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Consistent Salse has right credentials

By Mandarin

SALSE gained due reward for his consistency when successful at Newcastle last month and he can follow up in the Gardner Merchant Hungerford Stakes at Newbury this afternoon.

He could hardly have had three stiffer tasks to begin the season, taking second to Indian Ridge, Cadeaux Genereux and Warning. The latter pair particularly have given an edge to that form, Cadeaux Genereux finishing second in a group two event at Deauville on Sunday and Warning, of course, won the group one Sussex Stakes at Goodwood last month.

When his turn came Salse looked no less impressive, stretching out well through the final two furlongs to beat Always Fair, who should again be held. He is clearly used to tackling high-calibre opposition and can be expected to give another good account of himself.

Indian Ridge renews rivalry but is 5lb worse off for the 1½ lengths beating he gave Salse at Royal Ascot, and he may not be able to confirm the form.

Ohsomellow returned to winning ways at Goodwood but is not always the easiest of rides, and as the danger I nominate Ghariba. She has been off the course since finishing fourth to Ravinella in the 1,000 Guineas in April but is the type to go well when fresh.

Although only five turn out for the listed Washington Singer Stakes the race has produced an intriguing three-cornered fight between Akid, Prince Of Dance and Zalazl.

Akid won an army of admirers with his impressive victory at Ascot last month, but I was taken with the determination shown by PRINCE OF DANCE to hold off Batshoof on the course the previous day.

It was precisely that quality which carried the day for his stable companion Emmson in this race a year ago and he can prevail again. He is my nap.

Zalazl is well regarded and cannot be underrated considering the form of Henry Cecil's juveniles, but he has more to do than when winning at Kempton last time.

BOLD PILLAGER's form figures are less than inspiring but he has a better chance in the Russley Handicap than they at first suggest. He has been running in competitive handicaps this season and turned in a good effort when seventh to Governorship in the Royal Hunt Cup.

Peter Walwyn's COMMAND PERFORMER can improve on her highly encouraging second to Musical Bliss at Ascot last time in the Seven Barrows Maiden Fillies' Stakes, while the unpredictable ILE DE CHYPRE will surely get few better opportunities to win a race than in the Newtown Maiden Stakes.

At Haydock Park's evening meeting TIME TO GO HOME can record his seventh success of the season in the Sulaafah Auction Stakes. His chance of beating Provideo's record of 16 two-year-old wins in a season seems to have slipped away but he remains a formidable performer in this grade.

SINGULAR RUN is taken to defy top weight in the West Lancashire Evening Gazette Nursery. Although a beaten favourite when last of three to Polar Run at Newbury last month he had previously made an eye-catching debut at Salisbury. A return to that form would put him in here with a fine chance.

Finally, SO CAREFUL can win the Philip Cornes Match. Lesley Bruce will not hear of defeat for Klute but it will be surprising if he can cope with an experienced racehorse at peak fitness.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

2.10 Social Asset.
2.40 Command Performer.
3.10 Salse.
3.40 **PRINCE OF DANCE** (nap).
4.10 Bold Pillager.
4.40 Ile De Chypre.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.10 School Concert.
2.40 Moviegoer.
3.10 Ghariba.
3.40 **AKID** (nap).
4.10 Wretham.
4.40 —

By Michael Seely

2.10 Monomoy Light. 3.10 **SALSE** (nap). 4.10 Sand-Dollar.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.40 **ILE DE CHYPRE**.

Going: good to firm **Draw: no advantage**

2.10 POLAR JEST APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,532: 6f) (18 runners)

101	(13)	433611	SCHOOL CONCERT 17 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 9-7	S Giles (5)	93
102	(1)	532	MONOMOY LIGHT 24 (P Mellon) I Balding 9-5	F Arrowsmith	87
106	(3)	06-5031	CLIPPER QUEEN 11 (D,F) (I Allan) C Wall 9-0 (7ex)	L Dettori	94
107	(7)	0-02215	SOCIAL ASSET 25 (B,BF,S) (I Sandell) D Elsworth 8-13	A Procter (5)	91
108	(9)	501002	WINDATUM 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-13	—	● 98
109	(16)	05-41	TAKENHALL 11 (D,G) (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 (7ex)	M Marshall (5)	90
110	(11)	644000	SCARLET PRINCE 10 (B Mitchell) M McCourt 8-8	A Tucker (5)	93
111	(4)	00-6536	LAUGHING HOME 24 (Miss A Rawding) R Akehurst 8-6	Ron Hillis	94
113	(6)	40404U	FINAL LOT 7 (D,G) (G Bishop) R Smyth 8-3	A Morris (5)	92
114	(12)	5-03	ROMANY BELLE 109 (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-1	A Burns (7)	83
115	(5)	035520	VANISHING SPIRIT 3 (A Brett) M Usher 8-1	J Quinn	91
116	(8)	000-000	DEMERGER 31 (B) (C Blackwell) R Hannon 8-0	R Perham (7)	—
118	(10)	0-06040	SAYANT 48 (V) (G Johnson) N Vigors 8-0	A Whitehall (5)	91
119	(18)	30-1010	LITTLE ENCHANTRESS 2 (D,F) (W Bursell) W Brooks 8-0 (7ex)	P Lynch (7)	87
123	(14)	60000-0	OHBEE 18 (B) (P Cundell) P Cundell 7-10	M McConnell (7)	87
125	(15)	400-300	L'ECU 94 (T Wood) Mrs N Smith 7-8	J Carter	96
127	(17)	000-000	INVOLVED AGAIN 32 (F Rujas) D Marks 7-7	N Gwilliams (5)	—
128	(2)	0-00005	DERRALEENA 11 (B) (Mrs A Norman) W Wightman 7-7	G Hills (5)	80

Long handicap: Involved Again 7-5, Derraleena 7-1.

BETTING: 7-2 Monomoy Light, 5-1 Social Asset, 6-1 Takenhall, 7-1 School Concert, 10-1 Clipper Queen, Romany Belle, 12-1 Windatum, 14-1 L'Ecu, 16-1 others.

1987: DERWENT VALLEY 3-8-8 L Jones (12-1) R Hannon 11 ran

FORM SCHOOL CONCERT (8-9) ¾l winner from Full Blast (8-10) at Yarmouth (6f h'cap, £2,658, good, July 26, 9 ran).
MONOMOY LIGHT (8-7) neck 2nd to Dramatic Event (8-9) at Pontefract (6f mdn, £1,708, good, July 19, 9 ran).
CLIPPER QUEEN (9-3) 4l winner from Lucy's Luck (8-10) at Folkestone (6f h'cap, £1,208, good to firm, Aug 1, 9 ran) with DERRALEENA (7-11) 5¾l 5th.
SOCIAL ASSET (9-3) neck winner from Swing Lucky (10-0) at Bath (5f h'cap, £2,452, soft, July 13, 6 ran).
TAKENHALL (8-12) 1½l winner from Ned's Aura (9-7) at Ripon (6f h'cap, £2,303, good, Aug 1, 11 ran).

Selection: SCHOOL CONCERT

2.40 SEVEN BARROWS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,124: 6f) (23 runners) BBC 2

202	(16)		ALKARIYH (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	—
203	(20)		AWAYED (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	N Howe	—
204	(5)		BAJAN BEAUTY (G Herridge) D Laing 8-11	T Williams	—
207	(12)		CASTING VOTE (Mrs D Nagle) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	—
209	(13)	2	COMMAND PERFORMER 21 (Mrs W Wallace) P Walwyn 8-11	N Roberts	● 99
210	(2)	0	EASTERN HOME 16 (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) D Elsworth 8-11	S Cauthen	—
213	(9)		GOLDEN IMAGE (Mrs LeRoy Hurlbert) R M Smyly 8-11	N Adams	—
214	(8)	6	HALSTEAD 16 (Exors of the late E Moller) G Wragg 8-11	Paul Eddery	90
216	(11)	0	HAWAIIAN SONG 34 (T Frost) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	—
217	(6)		HOCUS (L Holliday) H Candy 8-11	C Rutter	—
218	(4)		HOOP LA (Capt. J Macdonald-Buchanan) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	—
219	(15)		KALAPARTY (Mrs R Lamb) C Benstead 8-11	B Rouse	—
221	(7)		LUCKY SONG (Mrs V Knott Bender) L M Cumani 8-11	L Dettori (5)	—
223	(19)		MEDICOSMA (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
225	(14)	0	MISS SIMONE 21 (Mrs S Freeman) G Balding 8-11	J Williams	—
226	(21)		MOSSY ROSE (S Sharp) R Hutchinson 8-11	M Hills	—
227	(1)		MOVIEGOER (Helena Springfield Ltd) L Cumani 8-11	R Cochrane	—
229	(23)		NEVIS (Dr J Hobby) J Dunlop 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
230	(3)		PERISTYLE (D Clarke) I Balding 8-11	M Marshall (7)	—
232	(22)	0	SETTLEMENT 28 (Sir Michael Sobell) I Balding 8-11	J Reid	82
234	(18)		SWINGING PARTNER (Mrs M Smyly) R Smyly 8-11	W Ryan	—
235	(17)		THE KINGS DAUGHTER (Mrs M Simmonds) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	—
236	(10)		VITALITY (The Queen) I Balding 8-11	T Ives	—

BETTING: 5-2 Command Performer, 3-1 Alkariyh, 5-1 Moviegoer, 6-1 Medicosma, 8-1 Halstead, 14-1 Vitality, 20-1 Hoop La, 25-1 others.

1987: GHANIMAH 8-11 W Carson (7-1) W Hern 19 ran

FORM COMMAND PERFORMER (8-11) 4l 2nd to Musical Bliss (8-11) at Ascot (6f mdn, £8,556, good to soft, Jul 22, 7 ran) with MISS SIMONE (8-11) over 20l 7th.
HALSTEAD (8-11) 2¾l 6th to Dona Krista (8-11) at Goodwood (6f mdn, £5,260, good, July 27, 11 ran) with EASTERN HOME (8-11) 10l 7th.
HAWAIIAN SONG (8-9) 25l 11th to Retouch (9-0) at Salisbury (7f mdn, £2,984, good, July 9, 12 ran).
SETTLEMENT (8-9) 4¾l 9th to Tatsfield (9-0) at Newbury (6f mdn, £4,936, good, July 15, 19 ran).

Selection: HALSTEAD

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3.10 GARDNER MERCHANT HUNGERFORD STAKES (Group III: £21,348: 7f 60yd) (11 runners) BBC 2

301	(11)	030316	BIN SHADDAD 15 (C,D,F,G,S) (Ali K. Al-Jafleh) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-0	T Ives	90
303	(4)	10-0120	PRINCE RUPERT 16 (D,F,G,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-0	M Hills	97
304	(6)	050000	SHARP ROMANCE 15 (G) (Al-Deera Bloodstock Ltd) G Fytche 6-9-0	T Quinn	79
305	(10)	333155	WANTAGE PARK 34 (D,F,S) (C Mills) M Ryan 4-8-11	W Carson	92
306	(3)	1125-62	ALWAYS FAIR 18 (D,G,S) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-9	W R Swinburn	95
307	(8)	2211-10	INDIAN RIDGE 36 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Coughlan) D Elsworth 3-8-9	W Newnes	95
308	(1)	13-2221	SALSE 19 (D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-9	S Cauthen	97
309	(2)	2122-11	ZELPHI 118 (CD,G,S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 3-8-9	Pat Eddery	91
310	(7)	2-14	GHARIBA 106 (D,G) (M Salem) A Stewart 3-8-6	M Roberts	91
311	(9)	112-	PHAROAH'S PRIDE 335 (D,BF,F,G) (M Hepker) R Stubbs 3-8-6	D Nicholls	81
314	(5)	11031	OHSOMELLOW 17 (D,F,G,S) (R Duchossois) L Cumani 3-8-3	R Cochrane	● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Salse, 4-1 Ohsomellow, 6-1 Ghariba, Zelphi, Indian Ridge, 10-1 Always Fair, 12-1 Prince Rupert, 20-1 Bin Shaddad, 33-1 others.

1987: ABUZZ 3-8-3 T Ives (40-1) C Brittain 8 ran

FORM PRINCE RUPERT (9-1) 1½l 2nd to Broken Hearted (9-4) at Newbury (1m group II, £33,426, good, July 27, 9 ran).
INDIAN RIDGE (8-10) 1½l winner from SALSE (9-1) at Ascot (7f group III, £25,623, good to firm, June 15, 12 ran).
SALSE (8-9) 1½l winner from ALWAYS FAIR (8-12) at Newcastle (7f group III, £17,445, soft, July 25, 6 ran).
ZELPHI (9-0) ½l winner from Intimidate (9-0) at Newbury (7f group III, £18,816, good, April 16, 7 ran) with ALWAYS FAIR (9-0) 8½l 6th.
GHARIBA (9-0) 4½l 4th to Ravinella (9-0) at Newmarket (1m group I, £88,306, good, April 28, 12 ran).
OHSOMELLOW (8-10) 3l winner from Thaidah (8-7) at Goodwood (7f listed, £15,062, good to soft, July 26, 7 ran).

Selection: SALSE

3.40 WASHINGTON SINGER STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £8,662: 7f) (5 runners) BBC 2

401	(1)	1	AKID 20 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	● 99
402	(4)	1	PRINCE OF DANCE 21 (D,S) (Sir Michael Sobell) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	98
406	(5)	315	POLAR REGION 49 (S) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 8-11	Paul Eddery	84
408	(3)	02	TERIMON 28 (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	86
409	(2)	101	ZALAZL 30 (D,F,S) (M Al-Maktoum) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	97

BETTING: 5-4 Akid, 2-1 Prince Of Dance, 3-1 Zalazl, 10-1 Terimon, 25-1 Polar Region.

1987: EMMSON 9-0 W Carson (13-8 fav) W Hern 5 ran

FORM AKID (9-0) beat First Secretary (9-0) 6l at Ascot (6f mdn, £7,791, good soft, July 23, 6 ran).
PRINCE OF DANCE (9-0) ½l winner from Batshoof (9-0) at Ascot (7f mdn, £7,445, good to soft, July 22, 8 ran).
POLAR REGION (9-0) 1½l winner from Aerobics Plus (9-0) on penultimate start at Haydock (6f mdn, £3,456, good to soft, June 4, 19 ran)
TERIMON (9-0) head 2nd behind Tatsfield (9-0) at Newbury (6f mdn, £4,936, good, July 15, 19 ran).
ZALAZL (9-4) beat Fecamp (8-11) ¾l at Kempton (7f, £3,948, good to soft, July 13, 4 ran).

Selection: AKID

4.10 RUSSLEY HANDICAP (£6,628: 1m) (9 runners) BBC 2

502	(8)	20-3812	BAY WINDOW 20 (D,G,S) (Lord Derby) J Winter 4-9-10	Pat Eddery	96
503	(7)	3-060P3	SINGLE 20 (CD,F,G,S) (A Lansley) W Wightman 6-9-7	J Reid	98
504	(5)	040106	GHAAER 20 (D,F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-9-5	M Roberts	● 99
506	(3)	21	SANDFORD PRINCE 322 (D,F) (R Shannon) G Harwood 3-9-4	G Starkey	88
507	(1)	53-103	WRETHAM 20 (F) (Mrs D Haynes) M Stoute 3-9-1	W R Swinburn	97
509	(4)	05-0000	BOLD PILLAGER 58 (D,F) (Dexam Ltd) J Dunlop 6-8-13	W Carson	96
510	(6)	0-1503	STAGE VILLAIN 63 (D,BF,F) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-10	M Hills	90
515	(9)	0000-40	BUCKRA MELLISUGA 20 (Abigail Limited) J Toller 4-8-3	W Newnes	95
516	(2)	01-4011	SAND-DOLLAR 43 (D,F) (G Waters) M Prescott 4-8-0	G Duffield	96

BETTING: 3-1 Bay Window, 4-1 Wretham, 5-1 Sand-Dollar, 11-2 Single, 8-1 Stage Villain, Sandford Prince, 10-1 Bold Pillager, 14-1 Ghaaer, 16-1 Buckra Mellisuga.

1987: FREEDOM'S CHOICE 5-9-7 T Ives (9-1) J Dunlop 14 ran

FORM BAY WINDOW (9-3) 1½l 2nd to Azayim (9-3) at Ascot (1m 2f h'cap, £8,142, good to soft, July 23, 11 ran) with WRETHAM (8-9) 2l 3rd.
SINGLE (9-2) just over a neck 3rd behind Kingsfold Flame (8-12) at Ascot (1m h'cap, £7,908, good to soft, July 23, 14 ran) with GHAAER (9-1) 3l 6th and BUCKRA MELLISUGRA (8-2) 3l 9th.
SANDFORD PRINCE (9-0) 3l winner from Laughing Moon (9-0) at Redcar (1m mdn, £2,062, good to firm, Sep 25, 16 ran)
BOLD PILLAGER (8-9) 3½l 7th to Governorship (9-6) at Ascot (1m h'cap, £29,732, firm, June 15, 26 ran).
SAND-DOLLAR (8-6) ½l winner from Irgaim (9-7) at Brighton (1m h'cap, £3,727, good to firm, June 30, 5 ran).

Selection: WRETHAM

4.40 NEWTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,353: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

603	(7)		BROMO (Mrs J Chandler) G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	—
606	(1)	02-2U23	ILE DE CHYPRE 34 (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	● 99
607	(6)	55	KING MENELAOS 14 (C Shiacolas) P Cole 9-0	W R Swinburn	77
608	(5)	035	NICOLAKI 64 (Mrs P Goulandris) D Laing 9-0	T Williams	72
609	(2)	00-4	TEMPLEGATE 13 (A Perry) R Akehurst 9-0	S Cauthen	—
610	(4)		THATCHED HOUSE (R Sangster) C Nelson 9-0	J Reid	—
612	(3)	0542	BEAUCHAMP CACTUS 10 (E Penser) J Dunlop 8-11	Pat Eddery	81

BETTING: 11-10 Ile De Chypre, 3-1 Beauchamp Cactus, 5-1 Bromo, 7-1 Thatched House, 8-1 King Menelaos, 12-1 Nicolaki, 20-1 Templegate.

1987: BALABINA 8-11 Pat Eddery (11-10 fav) J Tree 11 ran

FORM ILE DE CHYPRE (8-0) 2l 3rd to Bashful Boy (8-2) at York (1m 2f 110yd h'cap, £29,925, good to soft, July 19, 16 ran).
KING MENELAOS (8-5) 9½l 5th to Rasmara (8-2) at Newmarket (1m 4f, £5,809, good, July 29, 7 ran).
NICOLAKI (9-0) 7½l 5th to Unzen (9-0) at Newbury (1m 5f 60yd mdn, £3,366, good to soft, June 9, 10 ran).
BEAUCHAMP CACTUS (8-11) 3l 2nd to Arizelos (9-0) at Leicester (1m 4f mdn, £2,360, good, Aug 2, 18 ran).

Selection: ILE DE CHYPRE

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	24	68	35.3
M Stoute	17	71	23.9
H Thomson Jones	4	21	19.0
L Cumani	6	37	16.2
J Tree	16	105	15.2
M Ryan	3	22	13.6

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	39	182	21.4
S Cauthen	37	188	19.7
W Carson	33	227	14.5
W R Swinburn	17	122	13.9
T Ives	15	114	13.2
M Roberts	7	57	12.3

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

4.45 African Affair.
5.15 So Careful.
5.45 Kings Rank.
6.15 Luna Bid.
6.45 Super Trucker.
7.15 Time To Go Home.
7.45 Automart.
8.15 Singular Run.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

4.45 Paphidia.
5.15 —
5.45 Kings Rank.
6.15 Mac's Fighter.
6.45 —
7.15 Dancing Blade.
7.45 Santella Jack.
8.15 Pericot.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good **Draw: 6f-1m, low numbers best**

4.45 SWAN WITH TWO NECKS SELLING STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £1,305: 1m) (12 runners)

1	(5)	550401	AFRICAN AFFAIR 6 (F) (Mrs J Trotter) R Whitaker 9-2	Dean McKeown	90
6	(6)	580513	MEINE VONNE LADY 4 (D,S) (B Scowcroft) J Berry 8-13	J Carroll	93
8	(9)	0-00000	BALIDARIUS 15 (Oaklea Bloodstock Ltd) E Alston 8-11	A Proud	—
10	(4)	500600	COSMIC RAY 77 (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 8-11	J H Brown	82
12	(3)	00-66004	FOOT PERFECT 4 (S Brown) F Carr 8-11	J Carr (5)	91
13	(7)	0-6640	FURNACE MILL 31 (J Abell) P Felgate 8-11	—	● 99
17	(2)	440-050	ROUGE ROI 11 (Mrs L Donovan) R Morris 8-11	N Day	85
20	(12)	500405	STANFORD BOY 8 (V) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-11	M Wigham	80
24	(11)	000-000	BANKERS AGENT 16 (J Bower) R Hollinshead 8-8	S Perks	—
30	(8)	60-0040	MAY PIN 11 (M Lawranson) N Tinkler 8-8	Kim Tinkler	80
32	(10)	0-04000	NAUGHTS N' CROSSES 10 (Mrs G Rees) J H Wilson 8-8	K Darley	92
33	(1)	4-555	PAPHIDIA 6 (V) (J Furze) M Tompkins 8-8	G Carter	89

BETTING: 7-2 Meine Vonne Lady, 5-1 Paphidia, 11-2 African Affair, Furnace Mill, 6-1 Foot Perfect, Stanford Boy, 10-1 others.

1987: MILLPOND BOY 8-11 R Cochrane (9-4 fav) C Hill 13 ran

5.15 PHILIP CORNES MATCH (The World Speed Challenge) (£500: 5f) (2 runners)

1	(1)		KLUTE (Miss L Bruce) Miss L Bruce 9-9-4	Lesley Bruce	—
2	(2)	040120	SO CAREFUL 4 (F,S) (T Doherty) J Berry 5-9-4	J Carroll	● 99

BETTING: 1-5 So Careful, 7-2 Klute.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.45 LIVERPOOL ECHO MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2614: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

1	(3)	36	ALMARREEKH 14 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	P D'Arcy	93
4	(15)	0-450	CHARLES DEVON LAD 7 (R Bowes) H Wharton 9-0	Dean McKeown	88
5	(5)	408300	COOL EMM 10 (N Cheshire Trading & Storage Ltd) D Haydn Jones 9-0	G Baxter	93
7	(2)	0	INDIAN HILL 15 (Lord Derby) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	M Birch	—
9	(10)	334-523	KINGS RANK 18 (R Kirstein) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	G Carter	99
10	(4)	303	MELICUS 27 (Amerigroup Bloodlines Corp) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	98
11	(9)	3236-00	MERRYDALE FARM 15 (G Kenyon) J H Wilson 9-0	J Carroll—	84
14	(12)	0	PARTRIDGE FLATT 7 (Mrs J Hodgson) Miss S Hall 9-0	M Beecroft	—
15	(13)	205306	PRIMULA AGAIN 7 (Kavé) W Bentley 9-0	—	86
17	(1)	00	TAFTAZANI 92 (HH Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 9-0	K Darley	—
18	(6)		TWENTY ONE RED (B Scowcroft) B Hanbury 9-0	P Bloomfield	—
21	(7)	00	CHESS MISTRESS 112 (J Philpott Jr) B Hanbury 8-11	M Rimmer	—
22	(11)		CINDY'S PRINCESS (R Newall) J Toller 8-11	Jaki Houston (7)	—
26	(8)	4	LUNCH BOX 18 (Mrs A Skiffington) W Hastings-Bass 8-11	Dale Gibson (5)	90
29	(14)	0	VICO EQUENSE 8 (Mrs M Grant) Miss S Hall 8-11	J Bleasdale	—

BETTING: 5-2 Kings Rank, 7-2 Melicus, 9-2 Lunch Box, 5-1 Almarreekh, 8-1 Twenty One Red, 10-1 others.

1984: PROUD CREST 9-0 S Cauthen (4-6 fav) H Cecil 10 ran

6.15 GLORIOUS TWELFTH HANDICAP (£4363: 6f) (14 runners)

1	(6)	001314	MAC'S FIGHTER 9 (B,BF,D,F,G) W O'Gorman 3-10-3 (7ex)	W Carson	93
6	(7)	061341	CUMBRIAN EXPRESS 7 (B,D,F) (Cumbrian Inds) M H Easterby 3-9-8 (4ex)	M Birch	98
12	(10)	400-000	REBEL RAISER 23 (F) (R Scott) M Ryan 4-9-2	J Ryan (5)	—
13	(2)	230003	LUNA BID 13 (D,F,G,S) (A Hall) M Blanshard 5-9-1	G Duffield	● 99
14	(4)	0-00434	MAJOR IVOR 7 (F) (P Colquhoun) Mrs G Reveley 3-9-0	J Lowe	92
15	(1)	113/06-	DEMDERISE 489 (S) (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 4-9-0	L Charnock	—
17	(14)	610524	THE DEVIL'S MUSIC 4 (CD,F) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 4-8-11	D Nicholls	94
19	(13)	3-05000	MADRACO 7 (V,CD,F,G,S) (B Hampson) P Calver 5-8-9	R Lappin (5)	95
20	(12)	132200	GERSHWIN 17 (V,D,F,G,S) (D Ayres) Denys Smith 5-8-8	P Dalton (7)	95
21	(8)	004204	TOBERMORY BOY 4 (D,F,G) (C Longbottom) R Whitaker 11-8-6	N Carlisle	96
22	(9)	000050	JOKIST 14 (CD,F,G,S) (J Virgo) P Cundell 5-8-5	R Street	90
23	(5)	561000	MUSIC REVIEW 9 (C,D,F,G,S) (Movedive Ltd) M Tompkins 5-8-2	G Carter	96
24	(3)	652601	LOCHTILLUM 18 (F,G,S) (J Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 9-8-1	N Adams	96
25	(11)	060001	CREAM AND GREEN 29 (D,S) (G Roberts) K White 4-7-13	A Mackay	93

BETTING: 9-2 Cumbrian Express, 11-2 Lochtillum, 6-1 Mac's Fighter, Tobermory Boy,

1987: SILVER HAZE 3-9-1 R Cochrane (11-2) Miss S Hall 11 ran

6.45 WIGAN EVENING POST APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,073: 1m 2f) (20 runners)

1	(11)	0002506	POSITIVE WAY 35 (G) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 4-9-12	—	● 99
2	(1)	416640	BEAU BENZ 16 (CD,F,G) (Gymcrak Racing Plc) M H Easterby 4-9-8	J Birch (7)	93
3	(7)	11500-0	ROLFESON 114 (G) (Needwood Turf Accountants) B Morgan 4-9-5	C Hodgson (7)	83
4	(2)	131500	THE MAGUE 7 (B,D,F,G) (R Jenkinson) Miss L Siddall 4-9-5	K Bradshaw	92
5	(19)	0-34010	CAMDEN KNIGHT 6 (S) (D Pickles) N Bycroft 3-9-2	M Richardson (7)	94
6	(17)	0-00000	PHILOTAS 38 (D,G) (Lord Lambton) Denys Smith 4-9-1	P Dalton (7)	90
7	(16)	0-131623	THE FOOTMAN 3 (D,G,S) (R Reynolds) R Stubbs 6-9-0	P Burke (3)	92
9	(4)	520500	STONEBROKER 15 (D,G) (Edwards & Cartwright Ltd) D Haydn Jones 6-8-12	B Kaid	95
10	(3)	036221	LUCKY WEST 10 (D,F,G,S) (T Aarons) G Moore 5-8-12 (4ex)	B Hart (7)	92
11	(5)	5621	MOHSSEN 9 (D,F) (L Barratt) L Barratt 7-8-11 (4ex)	—	97
12	(6)	431123	DEPUTY TIM 23 (C,F,G,S) (M Shaw) R Bastiman 5-8-10	Dale Gibson (3)	97
13	(13)	600050	BRONZE RUNNER 9 (D,F,G) (Austin Stroud & Co Ltd) E Wheeler 4-8-9	L Riggio (3)	96
14	(8)	001046	OPTIMISM FLAMED 13 (D,F,G,S) (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-8	K Fallon	98
15	(12)	4326	RINGMORE 14 (W Sellers) J Parkes 6-8-8	J Carr (3)	87
16	(15)	000255	CHEERFUL TIMES 18 (D,G,S) (M Sturgess) K Ivory 5-8-8	P Barnard (3)	95
19	(18)	0-02300	HALLCROSS 10 (V) (E Emmanuel) Miss S Hall 4-8-5	—	96
20	(20)	25-334	TRY VICKERS 11 (Vickers Shopfitters Ltd) S Norton 3-8-5	R Lappin (3)	94
24	(10)	00-0021	SUPER TRUCKER 18 (S) (James R Adams) W W Haigh 5-7-12	M Giles (3) 10	95
26	(9)	50625-5	INDIAN LOVE SONG 7 (Mrs P Good) R Hollinshead 5-7-10	A Culhane	90
27	(14)	105000	ORDER PAPER 32 (S) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 3-7-10	A Munro (3)	97

BETTING: 4-1 Super Trucker, 5-1 Indian Love Song, Try Vickers, 6-1 Lucky West, Mohssen, 8-1 Deputy Tim, Hallcross, 10-1 others.

1987: IT'S VARADAN 3-7-8 A Whitehall (10-1) M Robinson 8 ran

7.15 SULAAFAH AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2393: 5f) (8 runners)

2	(2)	131323	TIME TO GO HOME 24 (BF,D,F,G) (P Savill) R Hollinshead 8-11	A Culhane (3)	● 99
3	(1)		DANCING BLADE (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 8-10	W Carson	—
5	(6)	1322	RED ROSEIN 42 (D,F) (A Findlay) N Tinkler 8-9	Kim Tinkler	91
8	(8)		WEST WOODLANDS (A Palm) R Stubbs 8-7	D Nicholls	—
9	(7)	0	CRAKAFU 11 (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Racing Plc) M H Easterby 8-6	M Birch	—
16	(5)		CAPTAIN BONKERS (T Phillips) J H Wilson 8-3	K Darley	—
25	(4)		DANALLY (Mrs Goulandris) P Calver 7-13	M Fry	—
27	(3)	042	TOW-STAR'S LADY 17 (Tow-Star Ltd) M Naughton 7-11	P Burke (5)	79

BETTING: 5-4 Time To Go Home, 3-1 Dancing Blade, Red Rosein, 6-1 Tow Star's Lady, 8-1 others.

1987: MASTER OF THE ROLL 9-0 Dean McKeown (5-2 fav) Mrs J Ramsden 12 ran

7.45 SWAN WITH TWO NECKS SELLING STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £1,295: 1m) (11 runners)

7	(4)	4-00613	TAUPIE 6 (D,S) (R Keegan) M Tompkins 8-13	G Duffield	● 99
15	(7)	0-005	JOHN'S REEF 21 (J Mills Office Equipment Ltd) M Brittain 8-11	M Wigham	—
18	(2)	026550	SANTELLA JACK 24 (D Rees) M Ryan 8-11	J Ryan (5)	95
19	(1)	063025	SHOOT THE POT 28 (E Ormerod) J H Wilson 8-11	—	66
23	(9)	55-4204	AUTOMART 5 (P Quinn) W Bentley 8-8	—	92
25	(10)	0000	BLACK MANNEQUIN 27 (Mrs J Berry) J Berry 8-8	J Carroll	82
26	(3)	000030	CHAMPAGNE DANCER 10 (Champagne Racing Ltd) M Usher 8-8	A McGlone	96
27	(6)	000	DANCING DESIRE 10 (D Redhead) D Moffatt 8-8	—	—
28	(8)	000-05	FACULTY FROLIC 10 (Mrs J Hamilton) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-8	K Fallon (5)	—
29	(11)	06000	LA FESTA 11 (V) (Mrs V Harding) C Elsey 8-8	—	81
34	(5)	0-06003	RING ME BACK 10 (T Croskery) D McCain 8-8	—	85

BETTING: 100-30 Taupie, 9-2 Ring Me Back, 5-1 Champagne Dancer, 6-1 Santella Jack, 8-1 others.

1987: MILLPOND BOY 8-11 R Cochrane (9-4 fav) C Hill 13 ran

8.15 WEST LANCASHIRE EVENING GAZETTE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,375: 7f) (12 runners)

2	(5)	13	SINGULAR RUN 27 (BF,D,F) (F Salman) P Cole 9-7	T Quinn	90
4	(12)	003112	TYRNIPPY 18 (G,S) (MDM Racing (Thoroughbreds) Ltd) M Brittain 9-6	M Wigham	97
5	(9)	1132	SUPER BENZ 10 (D,F,S) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 9-5	—	96
9	(1)	450213	PERICOT 7 (BF,D,G) (A Williams) P Kelleway 9-0	Dean McKeown	98
10	(3)	2426	HANDSOME GROOM 27 (T Liang) A Bailey 8-13	—	89
13	(8)	0360	TALL MEASURE 31 (Mrs J Jones) F Lee 8-9	S Perks	93
18	(10)	053	MOHARABUIEE 18 (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 8-3	A Culhane (3)	94
20	(2)	221663	CARRY ON CARY 10 (S) (I Glenton) R Stubbs 8-3	—	93
22	(4)	4050	MISS EXAMINER 13 (Huddersfield Newspapers Ltd) M Tompkins 8-1	A Mackay	85
23	(7)	662131	ISOBAR 17 (V,D,F,G) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 7-13	—	90
24	(11)	221122	MISS ELLIE PEA 7 (BF,F,G) (Lancashire Evening Post Ltd) J Berry 7-12	—	● 99
25	(6)	064	HIGH TENDER 42 (C Murphy) C Tinkler 7-12	—	89

BETTING: 4-1 Tyrnippy, 9-2 Super Benz, 5-1 Isobar, Singular Run, 8-1 Miss Ellie Pea, 10-1 others.

1987: BEAMSLEY 9-3 N Connorton (10-1) J W Watts 14 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Tompkins	6	18	33.3
P Calver	5	16	31.3
J Toller	5	16	31.3
W O'Gorman	4	13	30.8
B Hanbury	6	27	22.2
H Thomson Jones	8	38	21.1

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Dale Gibson	3	10	30.0
M Rimmer	3	12	25.0
G Carter	10	48	20.8
W Carson	18	100	18.0
G Duffield	11	82	13.4
S Whitworth	6	45	13.3

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Last laugh: Klute and owner Lesley Bruce attempt to silence the doubters this evening

Speed star Klute primed as moment of truth draws near

By George Rae

In the minute it takes to cover Haydock Park's five-furlong course we will know the truth about Klute, officially the fastest horse in the world.

Precisely one month after his owner-trainer Lesley Bruce challenged, through *The Times*, trainers to a racecourse confrontation, Klute will meet the Jack Berry-trained So Careful in the Philip Cornes Match (World Speed Challenge) this evening.

For Klute and his owner it will be the acid test. The nine-year-old stallion earned his title by reaching 44.91mph over a measured half-furlong on an airstrip in the centre of Haydock racecourse on June 17, eclipsing the 43-year-old record of 43.26mph set by a Mexican quarter horse.

It rankles with her that the achievement has been met largely with scepticism or apathy, and she has no doubts that today's race is an opportunity to present her case to a wider, if disbelieving, audience.

"I don't think people have ever taken us seriously," she said yesterday, "but there has never been any question in my mind of our being beaten. If we do, it will not be the horse but because of an error on my part."

Philip Cornes, the sponsor, is offering a £5,000 bonus should the world speed record be broken — a predetermined half-furlong will be timed to assess both runners — but for once the question of speed is secondary.

"My aim is to win the race and not to go for the record, which I can't see being broken," Lesley Bruce said. "I know I am not as experienced as So Careful's jockey but Klute and I are as much of a partnership as it's possible to be. That must be in our favour."

The bookmakers, who make So Careful a red-hot favourite at around 5-1 on, clearly believe she needs everything in her favour she can muster, for So Careful represents a stable which has enjoyed an outstandingly successful season. It is a racing maxim that horses from an in-form stable invariably seem to run faster, almost regardless of their own abilities.

So Careful, a winning handicapper, is frankly described as "not particularly good" by Berry, who shares the professionals' doubts that his Goliath can be overturned by this eager David.

"It's only guesswork how good Klute is," he said, "when he has worked on his own so much. You can take a horse out on the beach with just the sea and sky for company and you think you're flying, but you never really know until you put them with other horses.

"I work with racehorses all the time and it's still mind-boggling to see their speed and power."

While Klute was completing his preparation by breezing up the Staffordshire hills, So Careful was trying to earn his keep in the altogether tougher school of a Thirsk handicap on Monday. He finished sixth after showing early speed.

"Well," Berry said, "I had to give him a pipe-opener for the match, didn't I? No, no, just kidding."

Berry's light-heartedness aside, his comments underline at least one critical difference between the contestants, the question of hard race fitness.

"I think it will be difficult for Lesley to get Klute to beat an experienced racehorse which has been trained to his peak," Berry said. "Getting a horse in top condition without all the facilities is not easy."

There is no censure there, just the observation of a man who has made his way in his profession by an astute mind and sheer hard work. He still holds a place for the underdog, and he understands the spirit of the match.

"In what other sport would she be allowed to take on the top dogs? You have to admire Lesley and I say good luck to her."

The rivals

KLUTE: 9-y-o horse by Big Ivor - Carminway. Officially the world's fastest horse over half a furlong. Untried on the racecourse. Owner trained.

SO CAREFUL: 5-y-o horse by Dalsaan - Miss Carefree. Sprint handicapper, winner of two of his 24 career races and £6,774 win and place prize-money. Successful at Chester last month.

DEVON & EXETER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Brilliant Future. 2.45 Godfather's Gift. 3.20 The Welder. 3.50 Celcius. 4.20 Brent Riverside. 4.50 Pertemps Network.

Going: firm

2.15 DAWLISH CLAIMING JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £671: 2m 1f) (5 runners)

3		BRILLIANT FUTURE 76F M Pipe 10-9	P Scudamore
4		H AND K PUNTER D Gandolfo 10-9	M Ahern (4)
7	5	BLACKTHORN VENTURE 9 D Tucker 10-7	N Coleman
8	0	PINEY POINT 9 G Balding 10-7	J Frost
9		RESTLESS WAVE 77F R Holder 10-7	P Murphy

Evens Brilliant Future, 3-1 Blackthorn Venture, 5-1 Piney Point, 8-1 Restless Wave, 10-1 H And K Punter.

2.45 RUSH & TOMPKINS NOVICES CHASE (£1,850: 2m 1f) (7)

1	52-1	GODFATHER'S GIFT 8 (CD,F) G Ham 6-11-2	B Powell
3	22-4	MASTER BRABINGER 9 A Barrow 9-10-12	—
4	0-62	RODNERS 6 (B,CD,BF,F) W Turner 8-10-12	R Dunwoody
5	42-3	ROYAL GURKHA 8 R Frost 8-10-12	J Frost
6	00/	TINKLER KELD P Rodford 14-10-12	P Richards
9	6PP-	KUWAIT STAR 74 N Thomson 5-10-9	D Morris
10		KARA STAR J Tapin 8-10-7	R Millman

7-4 Godfather's Gift, 7-2 Rodners, 5-1 Royal Gurkha, 6-1 Master Brabinger, 10-1 Kuwait Star, 16-1 others.

3.20 DEVONAIR RADIO CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,090: 2m 1f) (4)

3	1U-3	THE WELDER 13 (CD,F,G,S) R Lee 10-12-0	B Dowling
4	22-2	PRINCE MOON 9 (CD,F,S) G Balding 8-10-10	Richard Guest
8	40-4	GLEN GEORGE 9 (G,S) G Ham 8-10-1	B Powell
9	PP-5	BRITANNICUS 9 (CD,F,G) N Thomson 12-10-0	D Morris

Evens Prince Moon, 7-4 The Welder, 9-2 Glen George, 8-1 Britannicus.

3.50 HALDON MOOR NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£745: 2m 1f) (6)

1	4-12	CELCIUS 8 (B,CD,BF) M Pipe 4-10-13	P Scudamore
5	0-	UNITYFARM OLTOWNER 11 (B) P Hobbs 4-10-9	Peter Hobbs
9	PP0/	MY MOYALE 455 J Forte 5-10-7	R Millman
11		COOMBE BROOK 416F P Rodford 4-10-4	W McFarland (7)
14	05-	MASCALLS DREAM 105 W Turner 4-10-4	R Dunwoody
15	62-0	SPARKLING JUDY 11 D Carey 4-10-4	M Williams

10-11 Celcius, 7-2 Sparkling Judy, 6-1 Coombe Brook, 8-1 Mascalls Dream, 12-1 Unityfarm Oltowner, 16-1 My Moyale.

4.20 RUSH & TOMPKINS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,863: 2m 1f) (4)

2	30-6	RIBOVINO 13 (D,F,G) P Hayward 5-11-10	A Crofts
4	P6-1	BRENT RIVERSIDE 8 (CD,F,S) G Balding 5-11-1 (4ex)	A Charlton
5	15-0	KASU 13 (F,G) J L Harris 5-10-10	Vicki Harris
6	P1-0	KEEL 13 (V,F) K Bridgwater 4-10-9	S Cusack

1-3 Brent Riverside, 4-1 Ribovino, 10-1 Keel, 12-1 Kasu.

4.50 WELDON MEMORIAL CUP NOVICES HURDLE (£814: 2m 1f) (10)

1	/02-	GLENCOMMON 347 J Baker 7-10-12	M Williams
2	0-43	HAY STREET 9 R Champion 7-10-12	—
3	P/0-	INVISIBLE RING 87 R Manning 7-10-12	G Morgan (7)
6		TREVABYN B Barker 7-10-12	D Morris
7	P0-	HOLY WAR 125F A Barrow 4-10-9	B Powell
10	022-	PERTEMPS NETWORK 118 M Pipe 4-10-9	P Scudamore
11	FP-	BEAMING ANNE 204 Mrs J Retter 8-10-7	M Muggeridge (7)
12	0R-	LADY OF CERI 86 P Rodford 6-10-7	P Richards
14		CAWSTONS COMEDIAN 673F R Frost 4-10-4	J Frost
16	4P-4	LUDLOW LADY 8 R Hodges 4-10-4	—

6-4 Pertemps Network, 100-30 Hay Street, 5-1 Glencommon, 8-1 Ludlow Lady, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Lee, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; M Pipe, 42 from 194, 21.6%; P Hobbs, 11 from 61, 18.0%; G Ham, 6 from 39, 15.4%; G Balding, 9 from 61, 14.8%; R Holder, 4 from 38, 10.5%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 24 winners from 106 rides, 22.6%; Richard Guest, 7 from 34, 20.6%; B Powell, 27 from 174, 15.5%; R Dunwoody, 6 from 39, 15.4%; A Charlton, 3 from 20, 15.0%; P Richards, 8 from 61, 13.1%.

PLUMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Colourful Dancer. 2.50 Sir Speedy. 3.25 Churches Green. 4.0 Royal Derbi. 4.30 Light The Lot. 5.0 Centaur Song.

Going: hard

2.15 CHAILEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,110: 2m) (6 runners)

6	P0-P	FINE BLUE 9 (B) A Hicks 5-11-0	H Davies
7	2F3-	HETTINGER 105 (CD,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-11-0	Penny Ffitch-Heyes
9	0P5-	SECOND MORTGAGE 3F R Hoad 7-11-0	M Hoad (7)
11		KING OF KNOWLEDGE 332F B McMath 4-10-11	A Carroll
15	0P0-	COLOURFUL DANCER 108 (F) S Dow 5-10-9	J Duggan
19		INDIAN SET 10F P Howling 4-10-6	G Heaver (7)

11-8 Indian Set, 13-8 Hettinger, 13-2 Colourful Dancer, 16-1 Second Mortage, 20-1 Fine Blue, King Of Knowledge.

2.50 STREAT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£680: 2m) (7)

3	0G0-	WINDY ASH 90 M Pipe 5-11-10	J Lower
5	00-5	START COUNTING 9 (B) T Muggeridge 4-11-10	C Warren
8	00P-	BOOFY 3F J Long 5-11-7	Leesa Long (7)
9	05P-	CARPET CAPERS 10F J Ffitch-Heyes 4-11-7	R Goldstein
10	00P/	MY MONTE 447F H O'Neill 5-11-7	J D Davies
11	F06-	SIR SPEEDY 70 R O'Sullivan 5-11-7	M Kinane
12	P0P-	SHENLEY ROMP 25F K Ivory 4-11-7	G McCourt

15-8 Start Counting, 5-2 Carpet Capers, 11-4 Sir Speedy, 15-2 Windy Ash, 20-1 Shenley Romp, 25-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: D Murray-Smith, 5 winners from 12 runners, 41.7%; M Pipe, 8 from 31, 25.8%; P Jones, 6 from 27, 22.2%; R O Sullivan, 6 from 33, 18.2%; J Jenkins, 11 from 63, 17.5%; J Ffitch-Heyes, 16 from 119, 13.4%.

JOCKEYS: M Kinane, 9 winners from 51 rides, 17.6%; S Sherwood, 9 from 52, 17.3%; PennyFfitch-Heyes, 13 from 84, 15.5%; R Goldstein, 24 from 165, 14.5%; G McCourt, 7 from 51, 13.7%; H Davies, 5 from 40, 12.5%.

3.25 BERWICK NOVICES CHASE (£1,441: 2m) (6)

1	53F-	CHURCHES GREEN 84 (CD,G,S) D Grissell 9-11-6	H Davies
4	35-1	ESTRALITA 11 (D,F) R Hodges 10-11-6	W Irvine (7)
5	3P2-	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS 74 P J Jones 10-11-6	M Kinane
6	0F6-	IDLE MATINEE 91 (F) D Murray-Smith 7-11-6	P Verling (4)
9	P2U-	TOUCH OF RHYTHM 2 (V) P Butler 7-11-6	—
10	FP-F	MANHATTANINSPRING 11 J Ffitch-Heyes 8-11-7	R Goldstein

5-2 Idle Matinee, 11-4 Churches Green, 100-30 Gustavus Adolphus, 5-1 Estralita, 12-1 Touch Of Rhythm, 16-1 Manhattaninspring.

4.0 JEVINGTON NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,140: 2m) (3)

11		ROYAL DERBI 39F N Callaghan 10-9	D Murphy
18		JIVING IVE 24F W Carter 10-4	H Jenkins
19		OMYWORD 24F J King 10-4	C Llewellyn

1-3 Royal Derbi, 7-2 Omyword, 10-1 Jiving Ive.

4.30 TED BENFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,380: 2m 4f) (5)

1	2P0/	TUGBOAT 21F (CD,F,G,S) P Makin 9-11-10	G Charles-Jones
2	560-	LIGHT THE LOT 85 (D,BF,F,S) J Jenkins 7-11-9	S Sherwood
4	004-	DREAM MERCHANT 84 (B,C,F,S) R O'Sullivan 6-10-9	D O'Sullivan (7)
5	256-	KINGSWOOD RESOPAL 9F (B,F) A Moore 4-10-2	G Moore
6	1-	SOULEIADOU 342 (F) M Pipe 4-10-1	J Lowe

5-4 Souleiadou, 4-1 Light The Lot, 5-1 Dream Merchant, 6-1 Tugboat, 8-1 Kingwood Resopal.

5.0 PLUMPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,676: 2m) (6)

1	P-F6	KYOTO 11 (V,CD,F,G) J Jenkins 10-12-4	S Sherwood
2	115-	CENTAUR SONG 70 (CD,F,G) H O'Neill 8-11-0	G McCourt
4	15P-	HOT MATCH 312 (CD,BF,F,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 11-10-8	H Davies
5	052-	FOUR SPORT 113 (CD,BF,F,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-10-5	Penny Ffitch-Heyes
6	66-2	FLIGHT SHEET 11 (CD,BF,F) P J Jones 12-10-0	M Kinane
8	305-	JOHNNY TARQUIN 74 (CD,F) R Ledger 15-10-0	Mrs N Ledger

9-4 Four Sport, 11-4 Centaur Song, 9-2 Hot Match, 13-2 Flight Sheet, 10-1 Kyoto, Johnny Tarquin.

The world's fastest woman has had a long wait for her success, as **Peter Nichols** reports

Joyner brings style to running fast

For a woman who runs so very fast, Florence Griffith-Joyner sits remarkably still. It is not an inert pose, more a meticulous one. In a black leather dress, black shoes, silver-looped earrings and individually painted fingernails, she is immaculate.

In Indianapolis, at the United States Olympic trials three weeks ago, she ran her 100 metres heat in 10.49 seconds to become the fastest woman on earth. Her time broke Evelyn Ashford's world record by an astonishing 0.27 second. That was pretty immaculate, too. It shocked even Joyner: "I looked up at the clock as I crossed the line and I thought: 'Could that be for *my* race?'"

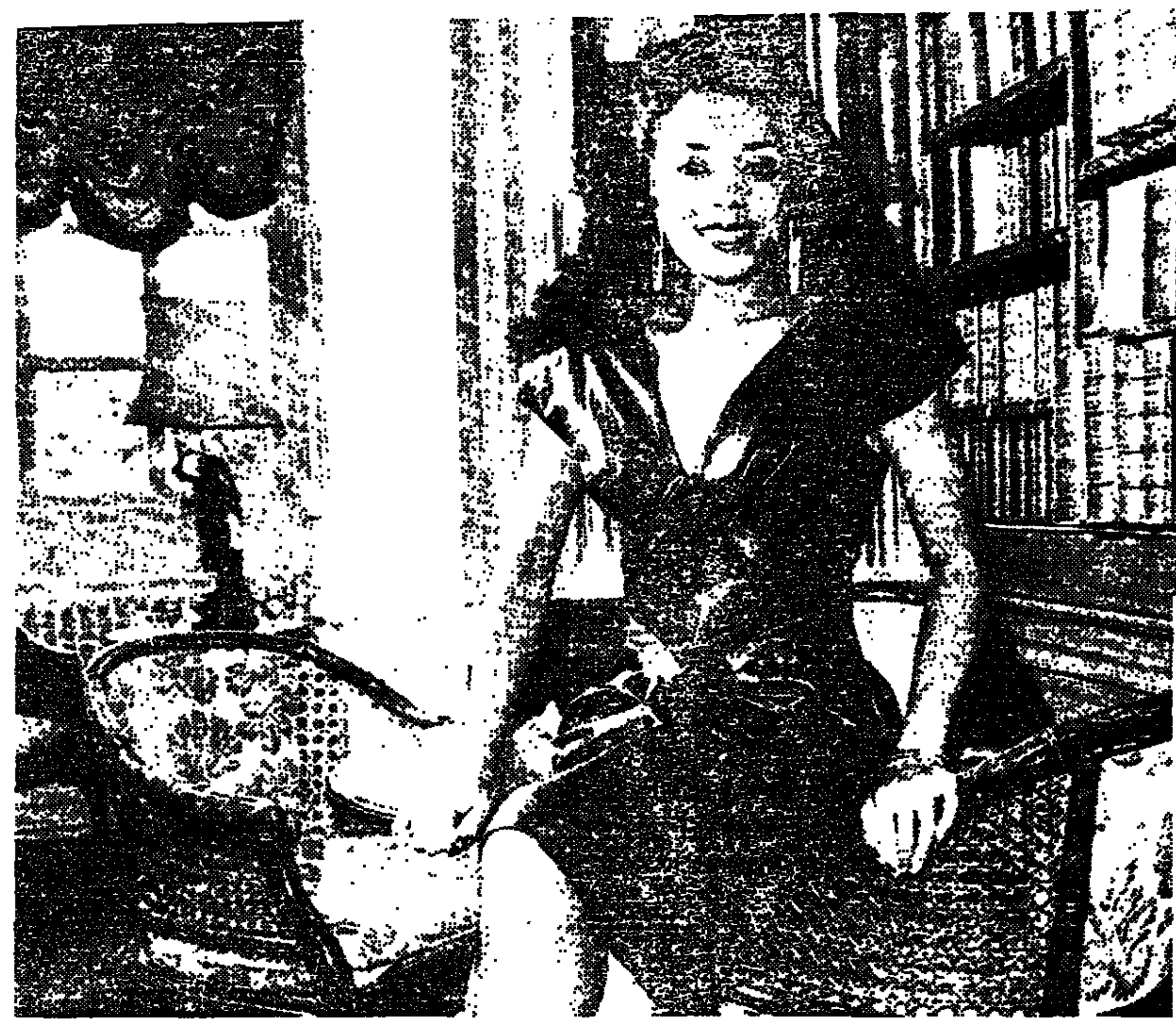
To put it in perspective, it is like Steve Cram's mile world record being beaten by more than five seconds or the marathon world record by three minutes. If she had done it at Birmingham last weekend in our own Olympic trials, she would have finished seventh in the men's 100 metres final.

Little happens these days in athletics without controversy, so it is hardly surprising that Joyner has run into one. Whether the wind blew is the contentious issue: in the triple jump competition adjacent to the 100-metre straight, the wind had been blowing at more than twice the limit permitted for records to be ratified.

Joyner, like her eyes through out interview, is unwavering: "I didn't feel the wind at all during the race, and I knew it was legal. They announced later that the wind gauge read zero and it was working. It had been working perfectly the whole week, the whole time." As if to prove the case, the following day she ran 10.70 and 10.61, both legal, the third and second fastest times in history.

If the breakthrough for Joyner was startling, it took its time coming. She was born in Los Angeles, 28 years ago, one of 11 children. She began sprinting when aged seven at the local Sugar Ray Robinson Foundation Centre. "I was always good. No training, just get out there and run."

By the time she was 20 and graduated to UCLA, she came under the guidance of the coach, Bobby Kersee, and was taking the training seriously. Her studies at college were in psychology. That was not incidental but critical, and still provides the cornerstone for much of her success. "The techniques that I learned then I still apply today. Visualization, seeing the race beforehand, going over it all day in my mind, how I feel, the time I can run, the belief that I can do it," she explains.



Hidebound: Florence Griffith-Joyner displays her off-track fashion sense (above), and in record-breaking *style at the US Olympic trials in Indianapolis last month (right). (Main photograph: Graham Wood)*

Joyner won her first colleges title in 1982, had graduated to an Olympic 200 metres silver medal in 1984 (albeit in the absence of the eastern bloc sprinters), but owes much of her current form to the failure of 1986. "I did not have the motivation that season and should not have raced."

In the meantime, she had made it difficult to ignore her: the designer racing kit and the painted fingernails were her trademarks. "At one point in 1986, my nails were over six inches long, and I had to start races on my knuckles."

Last summer, her form improved. After an arduous winter — "I would train before work, during lunch and after work" — she came back good enough to win another silver, this time in a world championships, and with everybody present.

In October, she married Al and the training has progressively become something they have worked out together, more apart from Kersee's group. "Although, I've always been a solitary athlete, not a groupie," she stresses. Even at the start of the summer, though, her training was geared towards the 200 metres and perhaps doubling at 400 metres.

Al had sensed she was coming good some months before. Al is confident, too. "I knew something good was coming, when I had to start riding the bike last winter to keep up with her during the road runs," he laughs.

Then, after the first 100 metres race at Santa Monica on June 6, they knew something was up. Three weeks later, a 10.89sec run at San Diego settled the issue. They would run the 100 and 200 metres at the trials.

The split with Kersee finally came after Indianapolis. They still have not spoken. "I just felt I wasn't getting the attention from Bobby and he didn't have the time." Kersee is married to and coaches Al's sister, Jackie, the heptathlon world champion.

Joyner dismisses suggestions that she will not repeat her fast times in Seoul: "I'll just get better for the Games." The motivation tapes and the self-hypnosis that she practises while Al rubs her down after workouts ferry her towards that shore.

CYCLING

Demierre surges well clear of squabbling pack

By Peter Bryan

The lone ride for 70 miles of Serge Demierre which brought him victory in yesterday's third stage of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain from Manchester to Liverpool almost paled into insignificance with what was happening behind.

Demierre, aged 30, and basking in his first win of the year, could hardly believe his eyes as he watched the ferocity of the sprint for second place between a bunch of 30, including the overall race leader, Malcolm Elliott, and Joey McLoughlin, last year's winner, only 20 seconds behind him on total time.

McLoughlin had won the previous day's stage, beating Elliott by inches and was desperate not only to take second place which carried a bonus of eight seconds, but because he was riding into his home town with thousands of vociferous supporters lining the two-mile finishing circuit.

McLoughlin had been at the front forcing the pace in an effort to negate a gap opened up by the world champion, Stephen Roche, Keith Reynolds and Mike Doyle who stayed clear until the Liverpool rider's efforts brought the escapees back into the main field with less than two miles to go.

On the last sharp corner where the road narrowed Elliott began his effort to strike the front before the uphill and final 100 yards. In the heat of the moment he appeared to be ridden wide by McLoughlin and had to check and restart his sprint.

McLoughlin stayed in front as the field raced to the line but with a superb effort Elliott had regained McLoughlin's back wheel. On the run-in McLoughlin appeared to lose his line in a strong finishing burst. A frustrated Elliott thumped McLoughlin on the back as the two crossed the line as though in disgust at the treatment meted out to him.

The judges looked at the TV film before announcing that McLoughlin was second with Elliott third. McLoughlin insisted that he had not ridden unfairly. Elliott talked of lodging an appeal, but when the temperature had cooled between the two riders he decided against it.

Elliott remained race leader but McLoughlin has drawn closer and starts today 18sec behind.

Today's stage

Stage 4a: Liverpool to Stoke (57 miles). Start 9.10 a.m., via Chester (10.00), Shavington (10.50), Bignall End (11 09), Stoke,final circuit (11.42). Stage 4b: Stoke to Birmingham (51 miles). Start 13.00, via Stone (13.34), Lichfield (14.22), Walsall (14.43), Birmingham, final circuit (15 19). TV TIMES: C4 12.15-1.15 a.m. (tomorrow).

RESULTS (GB and Ire unless stated): 1, S Demierre (Switz, Weinmann) 5hr 10min 58sec; 2, J McLoughlin (Z-Peugeot), at 3min 29sec; 3, M Elliott (Fagor); 4, M Kelly (KAS); 5, F Hoste (Bel, ADR); 6, F Vichot (Fr, Weinmann); 7, K Reynolds (Emmelle MBK); 8, M Gayant (Fr, Toshiba); 9, N Barnes (PMS-Dawes); 10, M Gianetti (Switz, Weinmann), all same time. *Overall:* 1, Elliott, 16:13:18; 2, McLoughlin at 18sec; 3, S Yates (Fagor), at 39sec; 4, S Roche (Fagor), at 42sec; 5, T Wegmueller (Switz, KAS), at 47sec; 6, Kelly, at 48sec; 7, D Webster (PMS-Dawes), at 49sec; 8, R Pensec (Fr, Z-Peugeot), at 50sec; 9, S Hodge (Aus, KAS), at 51sec; 10, Vichot, at 52sec; 11, Hoste, at 55sec; 12, R Millar (Fagor), at 56sec. *Teams:* 1, Fagor, 48:41.55; 2, Z-Peugeot, at 30sec; 3, KAS, at 36sec.

LeMond on mend

Brussels (Reuter) — Greg LeMond, the American Tour de France winner two years ago, has recovered from a shin-bone injury and has entered the 136km race in Kortrijk

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EQUESTRIANISM

Sir Wattie spared final rehearsal

By Jenny MacArthur

Ian Stark, who is without a reserve horse for Seoul after the withdrawal yesterday of the injured Glenburnie from the Olympic squad, has been excused from competing with his Olympic horse, Sir Wattie, at the Barbour British Open horse trials, organized by Captain Mark Phillips, which begin today at Gatcombe Park in Gloucestershire.

The other four Olympic riders, Virginia Leng, on Master Craftsman, Phillips (Cartier), Karen Straker (Get Smart) and Lorna Clarke (Fearliath Mor), have all been asked by the selection committee to do the dressage and show jumping phases this weekend — their last outing before the horses have to go into quarantine for Seoul next week. They are unwilling to risk Sir Wattie, the most experienced horse in the team, who, with two Badminton wins to his credit, has nothing to prove.

Glenburnie's withdrawal follows a tendon scan on the injured foreleg which kept him out of the final trials last weekend. The damage to the tendon is minimal but Stark, who has a high regard for his Badminton runner-up, has decided to rest him for the remainder of the season.

Stark may yet win this weekend's first prize of £2,000. He is riding his third advanced horse, Murphy Himself, formerly owned by Leng. Stark has struck up an exciting partnership with the grey gelding — who had proved too big for Leng. They have been placed at each of their three outings, a run of success culminating in a win at Holker Hall last weekend.

Leng, who gained her fifth national title when winning the British Open last year on Night Cap, hopes to defend her title with her Olympic reserve horse, Beneficial. She will also ride Stark's former horse, Griffin, who she swapped for Murphy Himself, in the advanced class.

Although the selectors have not barred the reserve horses from going across country, Leng says her participation will depend on the course and the weather.

Phillips, the designer of the course, has included eight new fences this year. The sheep shelter at fence five, is set on the crest of a hill and looks imposing, although Phillips, who is not allowed to compete across country, thinks it looks worse than it is. More alarming is fence 12, named Loads of Welly indeference to the sponsors. This is Gatcombe's answer to Badminton's ski-jump and provides, in Phillips' words "an interesting variation for the brave."

There will be no shortage of such riders. Among those attempting to wrest the national title from Leng are the former world champion, Lucinda Green, on Mins Lincoln, the two Olympic reserve riders, Rachel Hunt, (Friday Fox and Bally Murphy) and Rodney Powell (Special Appointment and The Irishman), and the two Olympic short-listed riders, Jane Thelwall (King's Jester), and Ros Bevan (Horton Point).

Robert Lemieux, who failed by one second to catch Leng last year, is giving himself two chances this year. Wearing the colours of his new sponsors, NM Schroder Financial Management Limited, he will ride The Poser and The Gamesmaster. The foreign entry is headed by the Olympic individual champion, Mark Todd, of New Zealand, with Bahlua and Charisma.

The event, which consists of the open championship and two advanced classes, starts today with the dressage and finishes on Sunday with the cross-country.

HOCKEY

Late goals reward Spanish revival

From Sydney Friskin
Amsterdam

Great Britain	1
Spain	2

Great Britain were beaten by Spain in the Five Nations Tournament here yesterday in a match they could have won had they consolidated the lead taken four minutes before half-time. Spain recovered to score two goals in the last nine minutes.

The fragility shown by the Spaniards on Tuesday, when they conceded seven goals without reply to the Netherlands, disappeared yesterday and they played as though their lives depended on the outcome.

There were two significant changes by Britain, Taylor coming back into goal in place of Pappin and Martin taking over from Garcia at right-half. Batchelor and Clift retained their places in attack after coming on as substitutes the previous day.

In the first half much Spanish energy was spent containing the British attack, although they did come near to scoring off their first short corner in the eleventh minute. Xavier Escude, one of three brothers in the side, miscued in front of goal.

Britain had missed a couple of half chances but managed to score in the 31st minute. Dodds sent Batchelor down the right wing and his centre led to a scramble inside the circle. The Spaniards, trying desperately to clear their lines, conceded a short corner from which Barber scored, the ball rising into the net off a defender's stick.

Spainforced their second short corner within a minute of the change-over, and Taylor saved a shot from Ignacio Escude.

For the next 15 minutes, Britain looked more inventive. A slip in the Spanish defence let in Kerly, but Joaquin Malgosa, who had made the mistake, recovered to deny Sherwani a shot from Kerly's centre. Sherwani dribbled past two defenders and missed the target.

Spain forced their third short corner in the 26th minute of this period. Escude scored with a subtle scoop, for which he is well known. Five minutes before the end, Gomez completed a run on the right with a centre, and Oliva dashed in to score.

GREAT BRITAIN: A Taylor; D Faulkner, P Barber, S Martin, R Dodds, J Potter, S Batchelor, R Leman, S Kerly, R Clift, I Sherwani (sub: K Bhaura).

SPAIN: M Rovira, Joaquin Malgosa, C Figar, Juan Malgosa, M Garcia, X Escude, M Depaz, I Escude, J Peon (sub: J Oliva), J Escude (sub: J Iglesias, E Fabrigas (sub: A Gomez).

Umpires: N Stepanov (USSR) and R Lathowers (Neth).

Dixon leads recovery from early setback

From Joyce Whitehead
Amsterdam

Great Britain	2
Soviet Union	2

Vickey Dixon and Jane Sixsmith saved Great Britain from disaster in the first match of the BMW trophy tournament here yesterday. The Russians had scored in the twentieth and 21st minutes before Dixon converted a penalty stroke and then Sixsmith, brought on for Parker at half-time, equalized in the fiftieth minute.

Great Britain had lacked the initiative to penetrate a steady Russian defence in the first half. The Soviet Union were led, as usual, by Krasnikova, who was as agile and creative as ever. Their goalkeeper, Kondruzkaja, was particularly good. Great Britain had eight penalty corners but little success thanks to the goalkeeper's pads.

The Russian goals came as a surprise. The first came from a penalty corner by Kanaporene, who was later given a green card. The second came from Tschishik, after Banks had mistimed her move from the Great Britain goal.

Dixon held Great Britain together. Her timing was good and her many interceptions kept the Soviet Union at bay. Near the end of the match misfortune struck McBride, who needed two stitches after the ball hit her on the chin. Her place was taken by Brewer.

Tomorrow Britain play Spain, who won the previous encounter 5-1 in July.

GREAT BRITAIN: W Banks; G Atkins, K Brown, M Nevill, V Dixon, W Fraser, B Hambly, V McBride (sub: C Brewer), M McLeod, K Parker (sub: J Sixsmith), A Ramsay.

SOVIET UNION: E Kondruzkaja; E Michailova, N Krasnikova A Butschmene, N Tchegurdajeva, E Rasutowa, T Kuznezowa, O Kanaporene, L Tschishik, I Barabolokowa, M Tschegurdajeva. Subs: S Micheitschewa and V Michailova.

RUGBY UNION

Recruiting campaign

Northampton, who finished bottom of the Courage club championship second division last season, have gone on a recruiting drive during the summer. They have signed John Steele, the Army and Combined Services stand-off half, Rob Tebbutt and Mark Charles, the Leicester loose forwards, and Willie Carr, a flanker, who has just left the Army.

The club, whose former committee was ousted at the annual meeting, have launched a £50,000 appeal to improve the ground and floodlights.

After a triumphant tour of the Far East, Bath return to Europe with a selection problem as three internationals battle for a second-row position. On Sunday they meet Toulon, the French champions, as part of an international tournament at Leiden in The Netherlands. Redman and Morrison compete with Cronin for a place in the second row.

TENNIS

Evert back and sharp as ever

From Barry Wood
Los Angeles

Chris Evert, looking surprisingly sharp after a five-week break from competition, casually brushed aside the second-round challenge of Eva Pfaff, of West Germany, in the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles yesterday.

She took an hour over her 6-2, 6-2 victory, bringing gasps of admiration as her crisp passing shots hit the lines time after time. Pfaff seemed almost overawed by the occasion, strangely hesitant to hit out at the ball and reluctant to come in from the baseline to attack.

"She was so steady and hit the ball so deep it was difficult to come in. I couldn't do much with her," Pfaff confessed.

Her best opportunity of extending the match came at 4-2 in the second set when she held two break points on Evert's service. Had she been able to take that game and hold for 4-4, the outcome — with Evert under a little bit of pressure — might have been different.

"Considering I have had five weeks off and just had my honeymoon, I was happy with the way I played and didn't feel rusty at all." Evert said.

Protests follow county ban on pregnant competitors

By Louise Taylor

A decision by the Avon County netball association to bar women from playing during pregnancy is contrary to precedents established in many other sports and has precipitated a controversy within the game.

While the All England Netball Association considers protests over the ban and awaits medical reports which will guide it in deciding whether to issue a national ruling on a subject it describes as a "moral dilemma", most governing bodies of other sports have refused to take a formal stance on the issue.

Diana Corbett, coaching administrator of the Women's Squash Rackets Association, said: "You cannot expect governing bodies to rule on sporting involvement during pregnancy; individuals must be guided by their GP.

"We take no official line and there is nothing about pregnancy in our ruling articles. Some women play until the safety-pin holding their skirt together will no longer do up. It probably doesn't do them a power of good, *but how long someone continues* playing is really all about good taste and commonsense.

"Every one is going to be at least a bit diffident about playing drop-shots against a pregnant opponent. In official matches, such a situation would give rise to embarrassment and is therefore not on, but friendlies are different.

"However, I would not advise pregnant women with a history of miscarriages or aged over 30 to continue playing squash at any level."

Opponents tend to hold back against pregnant women, thereby providing the opposing team with an advantage. This argument is particularly pertinent to contact sports and Linda Whitehead, secretary of the Women's Football Association, said: "When it comes to areas likes tackling, playing while pregnant can be unfair on opponents.

"While the question as to whether or not to continue is entirely at the discretion of the individual, and a very few carry on, the majority stop immediately; but it's their decision."

Similarly, the British Amateur Rugby League Association, which has a number of women's teams, issues no ruling on pregnancy. Tom Keaveney, its secretary, said: "We have an open mind on the subject."

Likewise, the All England Women's Hockey Association offers "no written guidelines."

Although pregnancy is a natural condition, mixing it with certain sports can prove a recipe for miscarriage.

***Volleyball,* which involves players frequently diving on to their stomachs, is a prime example, and Roger Ball, of the English Volleyball Association, said: "We have no official policy, but women quickly realize they have to stop. The very latest stage of pregnancy that a woman has played at is four months."**

The problem of pregnant jockeys has yet to occur in racing but Dr Michael Allen, medical consultant to the Jockey Club, stressed that the idea is not advisable. "Riding races at any stage of pregnancy is definitely contra-indicated," he said.

His concern is for women's safety. "*When it comes to riding* finishes, our boys don't hold off for anybody."

The picture alters in other equestrian pursuits, however. Lucinda Green was a member of the British three-day event team that collected a silver medal in 1984, despite having her pregnancy confirmed before departing for Los Angeles to compete in arguably the most dangerous of Olympic sports.

***Green's gamble paid dividends* and adds credence to a philosophy widely adhered in sport: that it is up to the individual to keep playing for as long as she both feels able and wishes to — personal medical advice permitting.**

ATHLETICS

Voy fears scale of drug use

Colorado Springs (AFP) — The use of drugs among American Olympic athletes has become widespread, according to a chief medical official, who also said he favoured unannounced drug testing.

Dr Robert Voy, chief medical officer for the United States Olympic Committee, said he backed an International Olympic Committee plan to employ random testing during the 1988 Games in Seoul.

"It better be in Seoul," he said. "If we continue with announced testing, forget it."

Voy said he thought drug use — especially of anabolic steroids — was widespread among US Olympic athletes.

"The East European countries don't have a corner on the market for drug abuse," he added. "Our drug abuse is a little worse. They're just better because they have better coaching and better training. It has nothing to do with drugs."

Voy said that the IOC proposal to give unannounced tests was better because athletes simply would stop using drugs immediately before a competition.

Voy said that testing of American boxers and basketball players had revealed stimulant use, while weightlifters were found to have taken steroids.

"The only sports we've found no drug abuse in are women's hockey and figure skating," he added.

BAAB to fill vacancies

The British Amateur Athletic Board's council yesterday decided to fill the vacant pole vault and men and women's discus places for Seoul, irrespective of the athletes achieving an Olympic qualifying standard.

The selectors' decision opens a way for Paul Mardle, of Wolverhampton, and Northern Ireland's Jacqueline McKernan, who won the discus trials at Birmingham last weekend, to compete in Seoul.

Andy Ashurst, of Sale Harriers, heads the pole vault rankings with a height five centimetres short of the required standard of 5.45 metres. He competed at Birmingham with a damaged hamstring and must now prove his fitness for next month.

SHOOTING

Late call engages Breton for Seoul

Adrian Breton, aged 25, a telephone engineer from Guernsey, was selected yesterday to fill a late extra vacancy in the British Olympic team and will be entered for the rapid fire pistol event in Seoul (Our *Shooting Correspondent* writes).

The extra quota place, offered by the International Shooting Union (UIT) under their "wild card" scheme for filling slots which become vacant, provides a boost for British pistol shooters.

They had not won any quota places during the two-year series of world cup matches although many had Olympic qualifying scores. The late selection of Paul Leatherdale and Margaret Thomas, followed now by Breton, brings the pistol total to three, the same as the rifle shooters.

Breton, who was discovered by the Guernsey coach, Rod Prevel, when he was only 13 won the British rapid fire championship in 1984 and followed this in 1986, with a Commonwealth Games silver medal.

John Pugsley, of Exeter, who won the Queen's Prize last month in a sudden-death finish after a three-man tie, had a *similar but harder task in Ottawa* yesterday before he won the Letson Prize at the Canadian rifle championships.

Eleven competitors had tied with every shot in the bull at 300, 500 and 600 yards to score *105. The tie-break eventually* narrowed to three before Pugsley took the prize with his 52nd consecutive bullseye. Bill Baldwin, of Canada, was second and Gary Childs, third.

The British cadets continued to shoot well and Dominic Harvey, of Epsom College, won the Viscount Wakefield trophy, in the cadet aggregate, with 251 out of 260.

BOWLS

Three out of four keep Summertown in triples

By Gordon Allan

Three of the Summertown (Oxford) team who won the Woolwich EBA fours championship on Wednesday, advanced to the third round of the triples at Worthing yesterday. Steve Beackon, Chris Allen and Gary Harrington beat Loughborough 25-12, and Branksome Park (Bournemouth) 17-15.

The win over Loughborough was straightforward. Branksome Park — Roger Tidby, Graham Longman and David Pearce — *presented many more problems,* and it needed all Harrington's drawing and driving skills, in particular, to turn the match during the last few ends.

Branksome Park held a match-winning two on the last end before Harrington ditched the jack decisively.

Roy Cutts, a current England player, could not get time away from work and withdrew from the Marlborough (Ipswich) team, who played Desborough *Town (Northamptonshire) in* the first round in the morning. It made no difference. Steve Topple took Cutts's place and Marlboro won 33-4. At one point, they led 26-0.

A Morris Motors (Oxford) *triple — Brian Bull, Mick Sadler* and George Hollis — who are playing together at county level for the first time this season, overcame Mansfield Colliery 24-18; and two past EBA singles champions, Ron Keating and David Cutler, with Kevin Arnold at lead, proved a potent combination for Plymouth Civil Service, who beat Tilehurst (Reading) 22-12.

Les and Mick Richardson, who helped Aylesbury Town win the fours championship last year, were joined by another brother, Derek, and they beat Long Eaton Co-op 17-16. Long Eaton led 14-9 at the thirteenth *end, before a 2, 1, 2, 3 sequence* took Aylesbury to the threshold of a 17-16 victory.

RESULTS: First round: Buckden (Hunts) 17, St Georges Hospital (Northumberland) 6; Mitcham (Surrey) 17, Mansfield (Middx) 7; *Henlow Park (Beds) 20, Plymouth North* Down (Devon) 15; Eastnor (Herefordshire) 19, Overseal Memorial (Derbyshire) 17; *Frampton-on-Severn* (Gloucestershire) 25, Bolton (Lancashire) 8; Droitwich Spa (Worcestershire) 21, Brooksbys (Kent) 9; Cove (Hampshire) 18, Huntley and Palmers (Berkshire) 17; Shanklin (Isle of Wight) 21, Norfolk 10; Barnwood (Gloucs) 25, Dakfield (Warwickshire) 18; Hylton (Worcestershire) 32, Hull Road Park (Yorkshire) 13; Ely Beet SS (Cambridgeshire) 21, Sheerness Town (Kent) 15; Belgrave (Leicestershire) 20, Wessex (Dorset) 8; Appleby Frodingham (Lincolnshire) 25, Cowes Medina (Isle of Wight) 15; Clevedon (Somerset) 17, Marlborough (Suffolk) 12; Saltash (Cornwall) 19, Devizes (Wiltshire) 17; *Haxby Road* (Yorks) 17, Darlington RA (Durham) 16; Temple (Surrey) 13, Loxford Park (Essex) 12; Aylesbury Town (Bucks) 17, Longeaton Co-op (Derbys) 16; Lindfield (Sussex) 29, St Albans Townsend (Herts) 7; Thetford GW Staniforth (Norfolk) 16, Rainworth Miners Welfare (Notts) 15; Summertown (Oxon) 25, Loughborough (Leics) 12; Branksome Park (Dorset) 21, Kingsthorpe (Northants) 12; Workington (Cumbria) 22, Welford-on-Avon (Warwicks) 15; Stenalees (Cornwall) 16, Hounslow Sports (Middlesex) 13; Ledbury (Hereford) 16, Keswick Fitz Park (Cumbria) 15; Plymouth CS (Devon) 22, Tilehurst (Berks) 12; Boscombe Cliff (Hants) 25, Belvedere (Hunts) 17; Watford (Herts) 21, *Skegness Foreshore (Lincs)* 16; Hunders Park (Durham) 28, Swindon (Wilts) 8; Morris Motors (Oxon) 24, Mansfield Colliery (Notts) 18; Marlborough (Suffolk) 33, Desborough Town (Northants) 4; Bath (Somerset) 19, Gosforth (Northumberland) 14.

RUGBY UNION

Fiji acts with haste to ban rebel seven

Wellington, New Zealand (AP) — Six Fijian players and a radio commentator were banned indefinitely by the Fiji Rugby Union, in Suva yesterday, for travelling to South Africa to play the game.

The players and radio commentator, Graham Eden, left Fiji hoping to join the world XV tour through South Africa which fell through because the French and Argentinian rugby unions barred their players

The six players are: prop, Rusiate Namoro, *flanker,* Alifereti Dere, lock, Jo Toga, winger, Niko Baleiverata, hooker, Alipate Rabitu, and centre, Savenaca Aria.

The Fiji Rugby Union, said Eden had applied to take the players to South Africa and had been told his application had been turned down.

Moran wanted

Mick Mills, the Stoke City manager, hopes to end his search for a centre half this week with the signing of Kevin Moran, Manchester United's Republic of Ireland *international.*

Aspinall move

Warren Aspinall, the Aston Villa forward, who was placed *on* the transfer-list at the weekend as a disciplinary measure for being sent off against St Mirren, is wanted by Walsall.

RUGBY UNION

A Russian lesson for potential All Blacks

From Chris Thau
Canet, France

The Soviet Union used its students' World Cup game against New Zealand to launch its challenge to the established order of international rugby. And against all the odds and a century of conventional wisdom they succeeded.

Their win by one dropped goal and two penalty goals to one penalty goal against a bewildered New Zealand is a piece of sporting history. But if the win had all the symbolic values of a beginning, it was the manner in which the myth of New Zealand invincibility was destroyed that suprised most.

Unimpressed by the Kiwi "haka," the Russians systematically demolished the New Zealand forward effort. The sight of New Zealand's scrummage disintegrating was awesome. Most of their players are regulars in provincial sides and some are treasured as potential All Blacks.

This was mimetic rugby. The Russians played the simple, unsophisticated New Zealand game, but sharper. They tackled with reckless fervour. They competed manfully in the tight and ferociously in the loose. They outrucked, outjumped and occasionally outran the New Zealanders. They kept them under enormous pressure. I have never seen a New Zealand side making so many mistakes.

The Russians are all superb athletes, who do the basics correctly. "Their scrummage is excellent, their lineout is very efficient, their handling skills are of the highest order and their defence is admirably organized," the England manager, John Robbins, said. "God knows where will they end with this sort of ability."

Edouard Korbozev, the Russian coaching co-ordinator, said: "In all our preparations we have been using the video recordings of the All Blacks v Australia, France v Argentina Test matches and the World Cup final between New Zealand and France. We have dismantled every move of the New Zealanders into its components and reassembled it with our boys; then we improved on the strength and added speed. There is nothing special about it."

SCORERS: Soviet Union: Dropped goal: N Dzagnidze. **Penalties:** N Dzagnidze (2). **New Zealand: Penalty:** H Hallijan.

NEW ZEALAND H Hallijan; A Heaton, A Crane, W Perrien, A Simcock; M Kendrick (capt), J Hewett; T Sio, J Bodie, T Takurua, S Tremain, J Jackson, M Otai, S Burkhart (rep: R Patterson), K Schuler.

SOVIET UNION: N Dzagnidze; S Chredelidze (rep: C Djanelidze), A Andreev, D Damokhodov, A Korolihine; I Nikolaev, A Proklov; T Bakuradze, S Moltchanov, A Kirrpa (capt), A Sokolov, D Sergeev, M Sapega (rep: D Hvarder), M Charkov, S Ovsiannik.

Referee: B Debar (France).

● In the third round of the World Cup it is England's turn to examine the Soviet Union's knowledge of the game tomorrow in St Cypryen. With Ubogu having a shoulder injury, a decision on the loose-head position has yet to be made.

ENGLAND: A Hobbs (St Thomas's Hospital); T Underwood (Leicester Polytechnic), C Laity (South Glamorgan Institute), N Burt (Liverpool), S Hackney (Loughborough University); A Johnson (Oxford), M Hancock (Cambridge, capt); A N Other, B Gilchrist (Cambridge), A Mullins (City University), T Swan (Liverpool), S Shortland (Leeds), D Stock (Royal Free Hospital), A Bick (St Paul and St Mary), J Green (South Glamorgan Institute).

FOOTBALL: YOUNG ARSENAL FORWARD TO BE TESTED AT WEMBLEY BY EUROPE'S BEST DEFENDERS

Merson strikes for a fortune

By Clive White

Sweden is not normally the sort of country you come back from better off – as England may discover to their cost during the World Cup qualifying competition – let alone £2½ million better off.

That is how much George Graham, the Arsenal manager, was prepared to pay for the goalscoring capabilities of Tony Cottee until the West Ham United player instead opted to sign for Everton.

However, Graham's disappointment was eased during the recent short tour of Sweden when Paul Merson, who was facing an extended apprenticeship had Cottee gone to Highbury, suddenly indicated that his trainee days may be over with an explosive performance in one game which saw him score three goals. "It was one of the highlights of the tour," Graham said.

Just how qualified a forward Merson now is, we will discover this weekend when he faces the likes of Rijkaard, of AC Milan, and other top-quality defenders in the quadrangular club tournament at Wembley. "We will be taking the tournament very seriously, as we do all games. As Jock Stein used to say: 'Celtic don't play friendly matches'," Graham said.

Graham concedes that there are not too many forwards, aged 20, playing for leading English clubs, but he insists that he will give Merson the chance to save the club £2 million on a new forward. "He has got as much natural ability as anybody else at the club, but he's still got a lot to learn," Graham said.

Part of the new maturity about Merson is his appearance. At the insistence of Graham he has put on more weight – 8lb – but as it was largely in the wrong places, the manager threatened to fine him £10 for every pound he put on. "At least I don't get knocked off the ball as easily now," Merson said. Overweight young players seem to be in vogue in north London these days.

In welcoming the opportunity for his other young players, like Rocastle and Thomas, to compare themselves with the best of Europe this weekend, Graham declared that Sansom, who is on the transfer list, will not be playing because of a groin injury. Graham, who refused to confirm that Richardson had asked for a transfer, said that he had not received a single inquiry for his England defender.

Treble-barrelled Gunners: George Graham with Tony Adams (left) and new signing Steve Bould (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Chelsea appeal result today

Chelsea will learn this morning if their appeal against the Football Association's £75,000 fine and part ground closure of Stamford Bridge has been successful.

The punishment, one of the harshest administered to a club, was the result of crowd trouble after Chelsea's play-off match with Middlesbrough on May 28, which condemned the club to relegation to the second division.

Yesterday, the Chelsea chairman, Ken Bates, supported by two lawyers, and Chelsea's local police chief superintendent, spent two hours with the FA's Board of Appeal, presided over by the FA chairman, Bert Millichip.

Also present was Bill Fox, the chairman of Blackburn Rovers, who will be the first club to visit Chelsea in the new season.

The board spent a further two hours considering whether to reduce the fine or relax the ground restrictions.

At the initial disciplinary commission meeting on July 13 Chelsea were ordered to close their standing terraces for the first six matches of the season, with no tickets to be sold on the day or to visiting supporters.

The police arrested 102 supporters after a pitch invasion at the final whistle of the play-off match and prolonged violence in the streets

● Steve Perryman, the Brentford manager, and his assistant, Phil Holder, have agreed to long-term contracts with the third division club.

Perryman, aged 36, joined Brentford from Oxford United as assistant manager in November 1986 after nearly 20 years with Tottenham Hotspur, taking over as manager from Frank McLintock in January 1987.

Old Firm, same old story

By Roddy Forsyth

In Scotland the football season, like winter itself, comes early. By tomorrow evening the first dead leaves of Premier Division optimism will have fluttered to the ground.

As far as the bookmakers, the commentators and most of the fans are concerned, the main race will go to either Celtic or Rangers, but at Tynecastle and Pittodrie there is a serious feeling that life will not be so simple for the Old Firm but in private both challenging camps admit that the percentages are not running in their favour.

As the Hearts co-manager, Alex MacDonald, observed last season the sheer size and fervour of the Glasgow clubs' support weighs heavily against all of their domestic rivals.

On Tuesday night, for Davie Cooper's testimonial game against Bordeaux, a crowd of 44,000 turned up at Ibrox and police had to deal with thousands more who were angry at being locked out.

Rangers were not the best club in Scotland last season through a combination of ill-discipline and poor luck with injuries which led to the use of 29 players in four competitions.

For Rangers the keys to success will lie in consistency of selection, in how well Terry Butcher, Richard Gough and Trevor Stevens mesh in defence and whether Kevin Drinkell and Ally McCoist form a striking partnership.

Celtic, on the other hand, should cruise on a lake of adrenalin. Beginning with a home game against last year's runners-up, Hearts, they meet Dundee United, Rangers and Aberdeen within five fixtures. Never profligate on the transfer market Celtic have been even cannier this summer, buying only the Leicester goalkeeper, Ian Andrews.

Hearts are the general tips to finish third with a settled squad strengthened by two important arrivals from Dundee United in Eamonn Bannon and Ian Ferguson and the Edinburgh team's best hopes of improving on last season depend on their main rivals cancelling each other out.

Dundee United's Jim McLean, the only manager to have resigned and returned during the close season, insists that the Tannadice team should not be considered as league contenders. "We have been weakened and are under strength for the title race. Our best chance is in the cup competitions," he says.

Aberdeen, meanwhile, are an unknown quantity under the novel combination of Alex Smith and Jocky Scott.

Tribunal decides fee of £190,000 for Hilaire

Leeds United must pay Portsmouth £190,000 for Vince Hilaire, the winger, a Football League transfer tribunal ruled in Bristol yesterday. Leeds had offered £70,000 for the former England under-21 international; Portsmouth's valuation was £400,000.

Other fees settled yesterday were: Bryan Wade (Swindon Town to Swansea City), £10,000 plus £5,000 after 30 first-team appearances; Steve Cooper (Plymouth Argyle to Barnsley), £100,000; Colin Baillie (Reading to Cambridge United), £25,000; Steve Neville (Bristol City to Exeter City), £10,000.

● Frank Stapleton, the Republic of Ireland captain in the European championship, has been given a free transfer by Ajax and said he hopes to join a first division club in England. The forward, aged 32, was loaned to Derby County after falling from favour at the Dutch club last season.

"Now the stumbling block of a fee has been removed, I am hopeful that a number of clubs who showed interest may now come in with an offer of a contract," he said.

● Dave Cusack, the player-manager who was dismissed by Doncaster Rovers and Rotherham United last season, is considering a move to Boston United, the GM Vauxhall Conference side, after rejecting several offers from overseas clubs.

● Portsmouth yesterday completed the signing of Graeme Hogg from Manchester United for £150,000. The defender, aged 24, passed a medical and agreed personal terms with Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager.

CRICKET

Labrooy and his senior partner are no soft touch

By Martin Searby

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 51 runs ahead of the Sri Lankans

The Sri Lankans' batting is reputedly of a much higher calibre than their bowling but after a prosaic innings Labrooy and Ratnayeke produced a lively performance with the new ball to suggest that they will not be the expected soft touch come the Test match.

Labrooy disposed of both the first-innings century-makers in his opening three overs, Moxon's front-foot shot beaten and Sharp tentatively edging to slip. Ratnayeke, the senior partner, then beat Byas and Robertson was shouldering arms when the tall, loose-limbed Labrooy took his third wicket in 22 balls at a cost of only 10 runs.

Half the side were out for 38 when Ahangama's first ball accounted for Nicholson and in murky light Pickles fell leg-before to bring a dramatic last hour to a close and save Yorkshire further punishment.

Kuruppu, who made a double century on his Test debut against New Zealand last year, should have been out to the first ball of the day, but Nicholson, at short leg, failed to grasp a fairly easy chance.

Dennis bowled a tidy spell but most Yorkshire interest focused on Anderson on his debut. With a style similar to the slingshot action of Jeff Thomson, the Australian, he had none of the hostility and needs to sort out a run-up which lacks rhythm.

The openers survived the new ball, but encountered most difficulty against the left-arm spin of Booth, who beat Kuruppu in the air to earn an easy catch to mid-off as the drive was mistimed.

Samarasekera, who built a reputation as a hard-hitting batsman on the B team tour of Zimbabwe last winter, joined Silva in a partnership of 81 in 23 overs before he was held at first slip after hitting seven boundaries in the third over after lunch.

Booth produces a good loop allied to accuracy and he induced another mis-hit drive to dispose of Ranatunga, Sri Lanka's Test match run-scorer, after a partnership of 64 in 19 overs of unspectacular but capable batting.

Silva, who made 111 against England at Lord's four years ago, went one better with 14 boundaries in an innings of four and a half hours but then, trying to sweep, he top-edged for Byas at backward short leg to react sharply and hold a good catch one-handed at full stretch.

Booth should have had a third wicket when Madugalle, the captain, drove a return catch when he had made 30 but the miss provided an opportunity for Anderson, with the second new ball, to claim a distinguished scalp as his first at senior level before the declaration 10 runs behind.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 297 for 5 dec (M D Moxon 132, K Sharp 128; F S Ahangama 4 for 51).

Second Innings

M D Moxon b Labrooy	1
D Byas b Ratnayeke	4
K Sharp c Madugalle b Labrooy	3
P E Robinson b Labrooy	1
N G Nicholson lbw b Ahangama	4
†R J Blakey not out	16
C S Pickles lbw b Labrooy	0
*P Carrick not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 2, nb 4)	12
Total (6 wkts)	41

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-15, 3-16, 4-18, 5-36, 6-41.

SRI LANKANS: First Innings

D S B P Kuruppu c Anderson b Booth	19
†S A R Silva c Byas b Carrick	112
M A R Samarasekera c Byas b Dennis	40
A Ranatunga c Pickles b Booth	27
*R S Madugalle b Anderson	48
L R D Mendis not out	20
Extras (b 9, lb 9, nb 3)	21
Total (5 wkts dec)	287

H P Tillekeratne, J R Ratnayeke, R Madurusinghe, F S Ahangama and G F Labrooy did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-128, 3-192, 4-229, 5-287.

BOWLING: Dennis 16-5-44-1; Anderson 17.3-4-47-1; Booth 26-8-80-2; Pickles 15-5-53-0; Carrick 17-3-45-1.

Umpires: N T Plews and D O Oslear.

Esso-NAYC Festival Results

Fourth day, at Oxford: Warwickshire 240 for 6 (Wasim Khan 57, G Williams 49, D Ostler 41 not out). Kent 197 for 9 (M Slade 54, A Stevens 5 for 63). Warwickshire won by 53 runs. Hertfordshire 171 for 9 (D Bacon 4 for 47), Derbyshire 172 for 5 (S Poplar 52). Derbyshire won by 5 wickets. Worcestershire 189 for 9 (C Gibson 56, N Harrison 5 for 39), Staffordshire 191 for 7 (G Archer 55). Staffordshire won by 3 wickets. Leinster 231 for 8 (T Dagg 57, M Clinton 59), Shropshire 198 (M Mulhearn 54). Leinster won by 33 runs. Oxfordshire 116, Hampshire 118 for 7 (C Forward 65 not out). Hampshire won by 3 wickets. **Today's Oxford final:** Hampshire v Warwickshire.

At Cambridge: Yorkshire 216 for 9 (M Proud 82, B Banks 4 for 27), Bedfordshire 166 (B Banks 60). Yorkshire won by 50 runs. Cambridgeshire 205 for 8 (P Watson 4 for 101), Cheshire 156 (G Roberts 53, P Green 5 for 63). Cambridgeshire won by 49 runs. Lancashire 234 for 2 (A Williams 95, P Simmonite 79), Northamptonshire 120 (I Ali 5 for 33). Lancashire won by 140

Second XI championship

KIDDERMINSTER: Leicestershire 381 for 4 dec and 20 for no wkt; Worcestershire 250 for 2 dec (D B d'Oliveira 106 not out, G J Lord 101 not out).

MOSELEY: Gloucestershire 253 (T A Munton 4 for 65); Warwickshire 293 for 4 (A C Storie 133 not out).

SOUTHEND: Essex 365 for 5 dec and 23 for 1; Hampshire 287 (R M F Cox 80; M G Field-Buss 7 for 67).

ENFIELD: Surrey 371 and 98 for 1 (J D Robinson 59 not out); Middlesex 257 (N R C MacLaurin 51).

WOLVERTON: Sussex 376 for 7 dec and 97 for 2; Northamptonshire 338 for 8 dec (B Hartland 186, M Gouldstone 51).

NEWARK (Worthington Simpson): Nottinghamshire 389 for 4 dec; Glamorgan 179 (K P Evans 4 for 46) and 127 for 7 (I Smith 60 not out).

Minor Counties

FINCHAMPSTEAD: Berkshire 220 for 7 dec (P J Heseltine 85, P W Ward 4 for 93); Devon 144 for 3 (K G Rice 50).

SOUTH SHIELDS: Staffordshire 235 for 5 and 218 for 9 dec (A Griffiths 50); Durham 243 and 213 for 2 (G Brown 69, S Atkinson 61). Durham won by 8 wickets.

Becker injured

Toronto (Reuter) – Boris Becker, of West Germany, has withdrawn from the Canadian Open tennis championship because of foot problems that might keep him out of the US Open later this month. Becker rates his chances of recovering in time for Flushing Meadow in three weeks time as "probably 50-50".

Ratcliffe blow

Wales will be without Kevin Ratcliffe, who expects to be out for two months after undergoing a hernia operation, when they begin their World Cup qualifying programme against Netherlands.

Manchester United have signed Johnny Roedland, aged 16 of Sweden, who attracted a number of leading European clubs.

GOLF: TAYA LEADS DANISH OPEN AFTER BRITON STUMBLES TO AN EIGHT

Reality hits Davies at 10th in shape of unfriendly ditch

From Patricia Davies, Rungsted, Denmark

It was a fairly routine day at the office for Laura Davies in the first round of the Danish Open here yesterday. She pulled her own trolley for the first three holes, was four under par after six holes, took eight at the 10th and ended up on level par, just four shots behind the leader, Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya, of France.

Taya's 68 included an eagle two at the ninth, where she holed a wedge from 80 yards, and a birdie three at the notorious 10th, where Davies and a lot of others came away cursing.

The hole measures 369 yards but features an unfriendly ditch at what is driving distance for ordinary mortals, so most of them play short, leaving themselves a long, difficult second shot.

Only four of the 95 competitors managed birdies and a par four was a minor triumph enjoyed by a mere 32; fives, sixes and sevens abounded. Davies, however, carded the solitary eight.

She was three under par after nine holes, despite a bogey five at the eighth, another hole with a ditch she thinks should be filled in, and the Danes were out in force to enjoy the show. Intending to clear the ditch with a three-wood, Davies instead landed in it, picked out and plonked a seven-iron into the bunker to the left of the green.

The ball was plugged and the best she could do was send it across the green into another bunker, where she had, she claimed incredulously, "no shot". "It was a downhill lie close to the back lip of the bunker."

The ball shot across the green and back into the original bunker before being splashed out to six feet and subjected to two disinterested putts.

Davies dropped a shot at the next to move to two over par but birdies at the remaining par fives, the 16th and 18th, gave her an innocent-looking 72. Her most immediate problem was to find a caddie for today. Her brother, Tony, was too ill to travel here and yesterday she had the services of Gary Clarke after he had finished his early shift for his employer, Debbie Dowling. He is unavailable today, however. Perhaps Taya has the perfect solution. Her husband, Román, carried her clubs.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 68: M-L de Lorenzi de Taya (Fr). 69: M Wennersten (Swe). 70: F Descampe (Bel); A Nicholas; B New. 71: K Douglas; C Dibnah (Aus); C Griffiths; A Oxenstierna-Rhodin (Swe); M Linbach (Swe); R Comstock (US); D Reid. 72: C Duffy; X Wunsch-Ruiz (Sp); L Davies; P Conley (US); C Soules (Fr).

CASTLE DUBLIN: Irish professional championship: First round leaders: 65: E Darcy. 66: D Smyth. 68: G Bleakley; K O'Donnell; C O'Connor; P Walton; J Hegarty; L Higgins. 69: P Townsend; N Drew; C O'Connor jnr; T Halpin. 70: J Young.

BABERTON: Scottish girls open stroke-play championship: 213: C Lambert (Stirling Univ), 71, 71, 71. 220: J Kinloch (Cardross), 74, 72, 74; A Rose (Stirling), 73, 71, 76.

Dropped duo are recalled for Trophy

Peter McEvoy and Garth McGimpsey, whose omission from last year's Walker Cup caused some controversy, are in the four-strong Great Britain and Ireland amateur side for the Eisenhower Trophy world team championship in Sweden on September 15 to 18, along with Jim Milligan, the Scottish champion, and Eoghan O'Connell of Ireland.

McEvoy, from the Copt Heath club, and Ulsterman McGimpsey both played in the last championship two years ago, but were then dropped.

Their return to favour began at the St Andrews Trophy match against Europe in June, however, and the decision of Paul Broadhurst to turn professional two weeks ago made their selection more likely.

David Curry can feel unlucky to be only second reserve, though. He was runner-up in both the Lytham Trophy and Amateur Championship this season.

TEAM: P McEvoy (Copt Heath), G McGimpsey (Bangor), J Milligan (Kilmarnock Barassie), E O'Connell (Killarney). 1st reserve: N Anderson (Shandon Park). 2nd reserve: D Curry (Prudhoe). Non-playing captain: G Marks (Trentham Park).

Course record brings Nobilo unlikely lead

Falsterbo, Sweden (Reuter) – Frank Nobilo, of New Zealand, who was left by his caddie last week for playing so badly, struck seven birdies and an eagle to set a record of 63 on the Flommens course in yesterday's first round of the PLM Open tournament.

He led by a stroke from Peter Persons, of the United States, with Jerry Anderson, of Canada, and Peter Fowler, the Australian, on 65.

Howard Clark, of Britain, the defending champion, went round in 68 after playing one recovery from a Baltic Sea inlet.

Nobilo, who has a best European Tour finish of 15th this year, holed from 20 feet at the first and was within a foot of a hole in one at the short second. His only mistake was to find water at the eighth, where a penalty shot cost him his only bogey. In the end, he broke Denis Durnian's old course record by a stroke.

"I seem to have got left behind as other guys from the Australian tour have done well here this year," he said.

"My Australian caddie got so fed-up with the way I was playing he gave me the sack last week. But today I putted really well."

Persons, the runner-up to Sam Randolph in the 1985 US Amateur championship, was making only his fourth appearance of the season after winning the 44th of 50 players' cards at last year's PGA school.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 63: F Nobilo (NZ). 64: P Persons (US). 65: P Fowler (Aus); J Anderson (Can). 66: David A Russell; L Carbonetti (Arg); J Rystrom (Swe); T Charnley; D Durnian; C Montgomerie. 67: A Forsbrand (Swe); D Gilford; M Hallberg (Swe); V Fernandez (Arg); M Lanner (Swe); P Carrigill; C Parry (Aus); P Hedblom (Swe); C Rocca (It). 68: R Fish; W Riley (Aus); P Carsbo (Swe); B Longmuir; B Malley (US); S Bishop; M Persson (Swe). 69: P Harrison; P Dahlberg (Swe); C Drury (US); K H Ham (Burma); R Boxall; D Cooper; S McAllister; J Howell (US); J Robinson; A Sorensen (Den); P-A Brostedt (Swe); R Drummond. 70: J McHenry; J Morgan; S Townend; P Kent; B Ogle (Aus); M Adcock (US); M Davis; J Spence; M Jonsson (Swe); M Poxon; T Nilsson (Swe); P McWhinney (Aus); M Sunesson (Swe); A Murray; J Parnevik (Swe); M Harwood (Aus); D Wood; G J Brand; C Holtman (Swe). 71: P Curry; B E Smith (US); B Lane; S Luna (Sp); M Litton; J Haas (US); M Roe; K Waters. 72: A Binaghi (It); I Gervas (Sp); J Tilmanis (Swe); S Tinning (Swe); P Teravainen (US); D Whelan; Grant Turner; P Haugsrud (Nor); M Karlsson (Swe); A Sherborne; D Williams; R Rafferty; D Ray; J Rasmussen (Den); S Bennett. 73: D R Jones; J Nichols (US); M Farry (Fr); P Mayo; R Hartmann (US); V Singh (Fiji); O Moore (Aus); L Turner; D J Russell; C M Stroemberg (Swe); M Pendaries (Fr).

Last-hole double for Pardoe

By a Special Correspondent

Simon Pardoe played one of the finest approach shots of his blossoming career to the home green in the gloom at Formby yesterday evening to edge into the final of the Boys' Amateur championship, at the expense of Raimo Sjoberg, of Sweden.

Pardoe, aged 17, from Guildford, was level with the Swede coming to the last and then hit a massive drive of more than 300 yards, with Sjoberg some way behind and with a much more difficult approach to the green.

Sjoberg, who had fought back from a two-hole deficit early on the inward half, fired his second shot to the heart of the putting surface, 15 feet from the pin, but Pardoe followed with a superbly-executed sand-iron shot to within a yard. When the Swede failed to hole out, his opponent tapped in for a birdie three and victory.

Throughout the round, Pardoe had been out-driving his rival by considerable distances, but his short game was not so sharp. The defeat of Sjoberg was the second time Pardoe had won on the last green yesterday, since he had to go all the way to dispose of Warren Bennett of Ruislip in the quarter-finals.

Now Pardoe meets David Haines, the Somerset teenager, for the title today over 36 holes.

Haines, who made a name for himself when he eliminated Bobby Eggo, the Walker Cup player, from the English Amateur Championship at Royal Birkdale last month, booked his place in the final by accounting for French teenager, Frederic Cupillard, by two and one, having defeated the last surviving player from Scotland, Scott McKay, in the morning.

Against Cupillard, Haines was never behind, but after establishing a two-hole lead by the turn, allowed his French adversary to square at the 15th.

However, Haines kept his nerve better to win both the short 16th and 494-yard 17th for the match.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: F Cupillard (Fr) bt V Phillips (Stoke Poges), 1 hole; D Haines (Burnham and Berrow) bt S McKay (Kirkcaldy), 3 and 1; S Pardoe (Goring and Streatley) bt W Bennett (Ruislip), 2 holes; R Sjoberg (Swe) bt I Garbutt (Wheatley) 3 and 1. **Semi-finals:** Haines bt Cupillard, 2 and 1; Pardoe bt Sjoberg, one hole.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GROSSETO, Italy: International meeting: Men: 110m hurdles: R Nehemiah (US) 13.66sec. **Women: 1,500m:** 1, M Boulmerka (Alg), 4min 09.17sec; 2, F Aouam (Mor) 4:09.58.

COLINDALE: Representative match: 110m hurdles: B St Louis (Surrey), 14.2sec. **Discus:** P Edwards (guest), 57.12m (Welsh record). **Hammer:** M Jones (Southern Counties) 70.86. **Teams:** 1, Southern Counties, 173pts; 2, Surrey, 149; 3, British Police, 77.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Chicago Cubs 6, New York Mets 5; Montreal Expos 5 Pittsburgh Pirates 4; St Louis Cardinals 1 Philadelphia Phillies 0; Los Angeles Dodgers 8, Cincinnati Reds 5; San Francisco Giants 5, Houston Astros 0; San Diego Padres 5 Atlanta Braves 4 (16 inns). **American League:** Oakland A's 2, Chicago White Sox 1 (10 inns); Toronto Blue Jays 5, New York Yankees 0; Minnesota Twins 10, Cleveland Indians 4; Milwaukee Brewers 8, Boston Red Sox 3; Detroit Tigers 2, Texas Rangers 1; Kansas City Royals 4, Baltimore Orioles 3; California Angels 2, Seattle Mariners 1.

BASKETBALL

CANBERRA: Third international: Soviet Union bt Australia, 85-82. (Soviet Union lead the six match series, 3-0).

CYCLING

PHILIPPEVILLE: Tour of Belgium: First stage (251 km; Belgian unless stated): 1, E Van Lancker, 6hr 44min 29.00sec; 2, R Patry, at 4sec; 3, M Fondriest (It).

SOIGNIES: Tour of Belgium: Second stage (185 kilometers; Belgian unless stated): 1, P Peters (Neth), 4hr 18min 10sec; 2, R Golz (WG), at 10sec; 3, H Frison, 15. **Overall:** 1, E Van Lancker, 11:12.35; 2, F Maassen (Neth), at 14sec; 3, B Van Itterbeek, 23.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Preliminary round, first leg: Elore Spartacus Bekescsaba (Hun) 3, Bryne (Norway) 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Skol Cup, first round: Alloa 2, Stirling Albion 4; Brechin 3, Montrose 1; Cowdenbeath 0, Albion Rovers 0 (aet; Albion win 4-3 on penalties); East Stirling 1, Arbroath 1 (abandoned after 90min, floodlight failure); Queen's Park 1, Stranraer 2; Stenhousemuir 3, Berwick 0

FRIENDLY MATCHES: Welling 0, Charlton Athletic 3; Middlesbrough 3, FC Seattle (US) 0. **Martin Hicks testimonial:** Reading 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1.

MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP: First round: Southgate Athletic 3, Crown and Manor 0.

SWISS LEAGUE: Lausanne 0, Grasshoppers 2; Lucerne 2, Sion 1; Servette 7, Saint Gall 1; Lugano 0, Bellinzona 2; Neuchatel Xamax 2, Young Boys 5; Wettingen 0, Aarau 0

CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Skoda Pilsen 0, Sparta Prague 0; Spartak Hradec 1, Trnava 1; Bohemians 2, Slavia Prague 4; Banik Ostrava 5, Banska Bystrica 2; Dunajska Streda 2, Inter-Bratislava 1; Dukla Prague 1, RH Cheb 2; Slovan Bratislava 1, Sigma Olomouc 1; Plastika Nitra 1, Vitkovice 4.

ASUNCION, Paraguay: Libertadores Cup: Group four: Olimpia 1, Cerro Porteno 0.

YACHTING

BRIXHAM: Laser national championships: Fifth race: 1, O Halford and J Callaghan (Queen Mary SC); 2, M Sarnes and L Harnett (Whitstable SC); 3, L Rigby and R Jenkins (Porthpean SC). **Overall:** 1, Barnes and Harnett; 2, W and U Wagner; 3, C Udo and S Bos.

ULLSWATER: Tempest national championships: Fourth race: 1, K96 (B Crampton and G Thornton); 2, K89 (I Modral and K Robinson); 3, K99 (C Meadows and C Setterfield).

LOWESTOFT: World Flying Fifteen championship: Sixth race (subject to protest): 1, Dee Jay (N Buckley, Babbercombe Corinthian SC), 2, Comfortably Numb (P Shonk, Royal Arakana SC, NZ); 3, Dusty III (A Dixon, Hayling Island SC). **Overall:** 1, Buckley, 13.7pts; 2, G Wells, 27.7; 3, C Randy, 29.0.

EASTBOURNE: Graduate national championships: Fifth race: 1, Aftermath (M Hayden and E Haines, CFC); 2, Grey Undies (P Barker and S North, EPSC); 3, Glider (A Baker and S Barclay, SSC). **Overall:** 1, A Baker, 3pts; 2, P Barker, 10; 3, J Burgoine, 11.

LARGS: British Lombard Optimist championship: Sixth race: 1, A Collenette (Hayling Island Optimists); 2, J Gorrod (Restrongue SC); 3, E Dolan (National YC). **Overall** (provisional): 1, S Templeman (Hayling Island); 2, Collenette; 3, C Mayhew (Royal Harwich YC).

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Blackpool: Somerset 145 for 3 (P A C Bail 85 not out) v Lancashire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Usk: Wales 265 for 4 dec and 201 for 2 dec (N G Roberts 72 not out, A C Puddle 65 not out); Wiltshire 226 (B J Lloyd 4 for 68) and 83 for 3. Match drawn. **Peterborough:** Cumberland 189 for 4 dec and 217 (J Moyes 57, S Turner 5 for 58). Cambridgeshire 196 for 4 dec and 148 for 6 (I Lawrence 53) Match drawn. **Wellington:** Oxfordshire 166 for 7 dec and 156 for 1 (M D Nurton 55 not out); Shropshire 195 for 2 dec. Match drawn. **South Shields:** Staffordshire 236 for 5 (D Cartledge 83, N J Archer 54 not out, J S Waterhouse 51 not out): Durham 242 for 5 (J Glendenen 80, S Greensword 75 not out). **Bury St Edmunds:** Suffolk 278 for 4 (C Gladwin 104, R Heap 64, M Peck 57 not out): Norfolk 212 for 3 (S G Plumb 90). **Slough:** Devon 193 for 8 dec and 257 for 4 dec (N Gaywood 80, T R Johnson 67, R P Twose 57); Buckinghamshire 213 for 4 dec and 234 (B S Percy 73, N G Hames 54, M E Milton 51; R K Benton 6 for 97). Devon won by three runs.

ALDERSHOT: Inter-Services festival: Final: Army 205 for 9 (55 overs: Fleming 78, Turner 4 for 40). RAF 207 for 5 (52.3 overs. Turner 79 not out). RAF won by five wickets.

ESSO/NAYC UNDER-19 COUNTY FESTIVALS: Third day: At Oxford: Worcester 214 for 8 (G Haynes 60, A Mortimer 5 for 84), Berkshire 156 Worcestershire won by 58 runs Somerset 132 for 9 (M Harris 50, M King 4 for 27). Hampshire 135 for 1 (S Morris 58 not out, R McLeay 45 not out) Hampshire won by nine wickets Derbyshire 156 for 9 (S Poplar 69), Warwickshire 159 for 5 Warwickshire won by five wickets. Hertfordshire 263 for 8 (D Maslem 107, G Herath 80). Oxfordshire 185 (D Hodges 5 for 39). Hertfordshire won by 78 runs. Kent 240 (N Llong 110, J Creed 50, N Williams 8 for 78), Shropshire 76 (M Slade 4 for 20) Kent won by 164 runs. Staffordshire 298 for 6 (G Archer 118). Leinster 122 (G Coates 4 for 48) Staffordshire won by 177 runs Durham 174 for 9 (G Cummings 63, R Nancarrow 4 for 31), Glamorgan 175 for 7 (D Hemp 81). Glamorgan won by 3 wickets **At Cambridge:** Lancashire 173. Essex 177 for 7 (N Knight 55, G Eccleston 50) Essex won by 3 wickets. Cheshire 227 for 9 (G Roberts 92, B Crane 4 for 92). Norfolk 172 for 9 (A Jowsey 4 for 63). Cheshire won by 65 runs Hunts and Peterborough 122. Northants 123 for 1 (G Thompson 52 not out, R Williams 53 not out). Northants won by 5 wickets Leicestershire 130 for 9, Cambridgeshire 131 for 8. Cambridgeshire won by 2 wickets Surrey 235 for 8 (T Owen 5 for 68). Bedfordshire 159 (A Trott 61) Surrey won by 76 runs. Suffolk 128 (I Graham 51, D Amato 4 for 31). Middlesex 129 for 6 (T Donnison 4 for 43) Middlesex won by 4 wickets Sussex 187 for 9 (R Beckett 67, J Batty 4 for 56). Yorkshire 188 for 5 (J Goldthorp 55) Yorkshire won by 4 wickets. Nottinghamshire 233 for 5 (M Lowe 92 not out, N Hunt 51). Lincolnshire 234 for 8 (T Bradford 53, J Bakes 83, T Deas 4 for 55). Lincolnshire won by 2 wickets.

SQUASH RACKETS

BRISBANE: Australian open championships: Quarter-finals (Aus unless stated): **Men:** R Martin bt A Schreiber, 9-2, 9-2, 9-3; G Hunt bt R Thorne, 5-9, 9-5, 9-1, 5-9, 9-7; C Dittmar bt G Wilson (NZ), 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; C Robertson bt B Martin, 9-5, 9-3, 9-2. **Women:** M Martin bt R Lambourne, 4-9, 6-9, 9-7, 9-7, 9-2; L Irving bt F Geaves (GB), 9-3, 10-8, 9-2; V Cardwell bt S Bradey, 9-4, 9-3, 9-1; D Drady bt S Fitzgerald, 9-4, 2-9, 7-9, 9-7, 9-1.

HOCKEY

KARACHI, Pakistan: Sixth test: Pakistan 3, India 2 (Series levelled, 2-2).

RUGBY UNION

GRENADE-SUR-ADOUR: Tour match: Orthez 6, Welsh Universities 63

TENNIS

SAINT VINCENT, Italy: Aosta Valley tournament: Men's singles: Second round: M Ingaramo (Arg) bt P Rebolledo (Chile), 6-3, 6-3; F Davin (Arg) bt S Colombo (It), 6-2, 6-1; A Mancini (Arg) bt J Aguilera (Sp), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

TORONTO: Canadian open championship: Men's singles: First round (US unless stated): A Jarryd (Swe) bt R Seguso, 7-5, 6-2. **Second round:** J Connors bt D Flach, 6-1, 6-3; J Berger bt M Davis, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; J Frawley (Aus) bt A Sznajder (Can), 6-2, 6-2; A Gomez (Ec) bt J Fleurian (Fr), 6-2, 1-6, 6-4; S Grammalva bt S Youl (Aus), 6-2, 6-3; P Cash (Aus) bt Y Doumbia (Sen), 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; T Wilkison bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-4, 1-4; P Lundgren (Swe) bt P Carter (Aus), 6-2, 6-0; M Woodforde (Aus) bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; K Curren bt G Michibata (Can), 6-2, 6-4; I Lendl (Cz) bt T Witsken (US), 6-2, 6-2; J Hlasek (Switz) bt L Shiras (US), 6-2, 7-6; D Cassidy (US) bt J Riva (US), 6-4, 6-4; T Mayotte (US) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-3, 7-6; J McEnroe (US) bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-3, 7-5.

LOS ANGELES: Women's grand prix tournament: Second round (US unless stated): H Cioffe bt K Keil, 7-5, 6-2; R White bt R Reis, 7-6, 7-5; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt S Collins, 6-0, 7-6; S Rehe bt A Henricksson, 6-3, 6-3; Z Garrison bt M Javer, 6-3, 6-1; K Schimper (SA) bt P Vasquez (Peru), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Na Hu bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-4, 6-2; D Balestrat (Aus) bt A Smith, 6-2, 7-6; G Magers bt B Nagelsen, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; C Evert bt E Pfaff (WG), 6-2, 6-2.

PRAGUE: Czechoslovak Open tournament: Second round: M Mecir (Cz) bt M Westphal (WG), 6-2, 6-1; T Muster (Austria) bt J Windahl (Swe), 6-2, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) bt A Olkhovski (USSR), 6-1, 7-6; M Srejber (Cz) bt T Smid (Cz), 5-7, 6-2, 6-4

SOFIA: Virginia Slims of Sofia: First round: K Maleeva (Bul) bt M Strandlund (Swe), 6-1, 7-6; M Strebel (Switz) bt J Salmon (GB), 6-1, 6-2; H Sprung (Austria) bt E Longo (Arg), 6-0, 6-2; I Budarova (Cz) bt O Tsarbopoulou (Gr), 6-3, 6-2; S Goles (Yug) bt D Ranguelova (Bul), 6-4, 6-2; V Paquet (Fr) bt P Hüber (Austria), 7-5, 6-3; V Martinek (WG) bt J Jonerup (Swe), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; C Martinez (Sp) bt R Miloneva (Bul), 6-0, 6-0; A Devries (Bel) bt B Diesner (Austria), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; S Frankl (WG) bt A Betzner (WG), 6-4, 6-4; C Damas (Fr) bt R Marsikova (Cz), 6-2, 6-3; H Fukarkova (Cz) bt A Kanellopolou (Gr), 2-6, 6-1, 6-4; S Wasserman (Bel) bt H Dahlstrom (Swe), 6-0, 4-6, 6-3; S Loosemore (GB) bt C Hoffmann (WG), 2-6, 6-1, 6-4; S Hack (WG) bt A Tiezzi (Arg), 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; B Paulus (Austria) bt D Krajcovicova (Cz), 7-6, 6-2. **Second round:** Maleeva bt Strebel, 6-0, 6-1; Budarova bt Sprung, 7-6, 7-5; Goles bt Paquet, 6-1, 6-3; Martinez bt Martinek, 6-2, 6-2; Devries bt Frankl, 0-6, 6-1, 6-4; Fukarkova bt Damas, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2; Wasserman bt Loosemore, 6-4, 6-3; Paulus bt Hack, 6-1, 6-0

EASTBOURNE: Prudential British grass-court championships: Boys' singles, 16 and under: Third round: A Foster (Staffordshire) bt P Gamford (Cumbria), 6-4, 6-3; A Orcnard (Dorset) bt S Bonham (Essex), 7-6, 6-7, 6-3; N Adams (Essex) bt A Mour (Essex), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; J Barron (Essex) bt S Coates (Hereford and Worcestershire), 6-1, 6-2; G Gibson (Dorset) bt L Aaron (Durham and Cleveland), 6-2, 7-5; D Draper (Northamptonshire) bt P Robinson (Northamptonshire), 6-0, 6-3; R Holden (Berkshire) bt A Livermore (Lancashire), 7-5, 6-2. **Quarter-finals:** Foster bt Orchard, 6-1, 6-2; Barton bt Adams, 6-2, 6-0; Haycock bt Gibson, 6-0, 6-2; Draper bt Holden, 7-5, 6-7, 8-6.

Girls' singles, 16 and under: Third round: G Garner (Staffordshire) bt E Barker (Norfolk), 6-2, 6-1; J Harper (Sussex) bt J Bhaguandas (Middlesex), 6-3, 6-1; H Lockhart (West of Scotland) bt C Bullen (Wiltshire), 6-4, 6-0; A Driver (Lancashire) bt K Croft (Devon), 7-5, 6-2; S Owles (Essex) bt C Ashworth (Lancashire), 6-2, 6-4; B Griffiths (Suffolk) bt S Bentley (Lincolnshire), 7-6, 6-1; N Gies (Surrey) bt J Sinking (South Wales), 3-6, 6-3, 9-7; L Cartwright (Lancashire) bt J Fox (Bedfordshire), 6-3, 6-4. **Quarter-finals:** Garner bt Harper, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; Lockhart bt Driver, 7-5, 6-4; Griffiths bt Owles, 6-3, 6-0; Gies bt Cartwright, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

EVENING RACING RESULTS

Catterick Bridge

Going: firm

6.0 (7f) 1, **Enterprise Prince** (R P Elliott, 25-1); 2, Grafton Regis (8-11 fav); 3, Quorn Donna (20-1). 8 ran. ½l, 2½l. R Thompson. Tote: £36.90; £5.80, £1.10, £3.40. DF: £50.90. CSF: £43.17. Bought in 2,200 guineas. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

6.25 (1m 7f 180yd) 1, **Cleavers Gate** (N Connorton, 15-8); 2, Turmeric (7-4 fav); 3, Mr Taylor (10-1). 7 ran. Hd, 3l. J Watts. Tote: £2.60; £1.80, £1.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.20.

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Going: firm

6.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **Miss Brantridge** (G McCourt, 4-1); 2, Jurisprudence (3-1); 3, The Lodge Prince (3-1). Dime And A Dollar 11-4 fav. 7 ran. 1½l, 3l. J Colston. Tote: £6.60; £2.20, £1.90. DF: £13.70. CSF: £15.21.

6.30 (2m ch) 1, **Headin' On** (A O'Hagen, 9-4); 2, Tumble Jim (8-1); 3, Tiarenee (33-1). Sharp Song 4-7 fav. 5 ran. ½l, 20l. K White. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £8.10. CSF: £16.19.

SNOOKER

New plans threaten status quo

By Steve Acteson

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) last night confirmed that its plans for new ranking tournaments in Canada next October and the European Open in Belgium next winter will go ahead as planned despite suggestions that South African players will not be granted visas for anti-apartheid reasons.

The WPBSA stated last night: "We will always look after the best interests of our members and the tournament will go ahead whether these players are affected or not. At this stage however this is an unknown factor".

Should the South Africans be disallowed from competing in certain countries abroad it could well cause a chasm in the game

RUGBY LEAGUE

Sunday date for Yorkshire

Yorkshire have arranged to play their John Smiths County Cup final on Sunday, October 16, at a venue to be decided. Two ties, Bramley v Leeds and Sheffield Eagles v Wakefield Trinity, will open the competition on Wednesday, August 31. The draw for the second round is to be made the next day, and ties will be played on Sunday, September 18.

Yorkshire have arranged to play subsequent games in the competition on midweek evenings, the third round on September 28 and the semi-finals on October 5.

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Christie left dizzy by Johnson's high standards

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

The high life did not agree with Linford Christie as much as he might have thought, for in a 100 metres race at the Italian high altitude track at Sestiere yesterday, he was left well behind by a resurgent Ben Johnson.

However, Colin Jackson broke the European high hurdles record with 13.11sec, despite losing decisively to Roger Kingdom, the only man who realistically stands between Jackson and an Olympic gold medal.

Kingdom, the Olympic champion, won in 12.97sec, only the second time that 13 seconds has been beaten in the 110 metres hurdles. But that, Johnson's 9.98sec, a 19.82sec 200m victory for Carl Lewis, and a plethora of fast times in other sprints, raises the question yet again of these altitude marks.

Going to altitude to attempt world records is little more than a gimmick. It will come as no solace to serious supporters of athletics that this Italian meeting, at 2,000 metres altitude, was the brainchild of Dr Primo Nebiolo, the president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

More important, in view of the forthcoming Olympic Games in Seoul, are the placings and winning margins rather than the times in yesterday's events.

Inside six days, after three months' absence through injury, Johnson has re-established himself as favourite for the Olympic 100 metres and dealt a serious psychological backhander to Christie, who had not previously lost this season.

To make matters worse for Christie, who finished fifth in 10.17sec, is that he was also beaten by Joe DeLoach, an Olympic 200 metres runner, by Dennis Mitchell, whom Christie had twice beaten this season, and by Desai Williams, Johnson's Canadian colleague. Given that Christie has run 10.15sec at sea level this year this was hardly an inspiring performance from a man who has pretentions to beating Johnson and Lewis in Seoul.

As for Johnson, in only his sixth 100 metres — and that includes heat and semi-final of last weekend's Canadian championship — since winning the world title in a world record (at sea level) of 9.83sec last summer, he can begin to make space on his sideboard for the Olympic gold.

Charlie Francis, the coach with whom he had a brief split a month ago, said of Johnson's left calf injury in Tokyo in May: "Although he only needed two weeks completely off training, we needed the rest of the time to get him back on top form.

"He's completely fit now, and has done 60 metres in training in 6.35sec. That's better than his world record (6.41sec). It corresponds to 9.78sec in the 100 metres."

Francis's estimation of that time may have something to do with the fact that that is precisely what Lewis did in winning the United States Olympic trials, with an over-strong wind behind him last month. So this is Johnson's timely riposte, less than a week before he gets down to a physical one. For Johnson and Lewis — and Christie — are due to meet over 100 metres in Zurich next Wednesday.

Jackson, on the other hand, has a little more time to prepare his answer to Kingdom. He will need it. For, despite out-distancing Mark McKoy, who beat Jackson to the Commonwealth title two years ago, the young Welshman was a similar margin adrift of Kingdom, who has come back marvellously from three years of comparative inaction through injury.

Jackson is clearly capable of close to this time at sea-level. He and Jon Ridgeon, still striving to overcome the effects of a virus, race in Budapest tomorrow night against the other top American, Tonie Campbell.

RESULTS FROM SESTRIERE

MEN: 100m: 1, B Johnson (Can), 9.98sec; 2, J DeLoach (US), 10.11; 3, D Mitchell (US), 10.11. **British:** 5, L Christie 10.17. **200m:** 1, C Lewis (US), 19.82; 2, G Queneherve (Fr), 20.20; 3, A Robinson (US), 20.23; 4, C Smith (US), 20.24. **400m:** 1, D Everett (US), 44.53; 2, A Valmon (US), 45.07; 3, S Lewis (US), 45.50. **800m:** 1, R Martinez (US) 1min 49.22sec; 2, S Redwine (US), 1:49.79; 3, K Abdelsattar (Tunisia), 1:51.47. **110m hurdles:** 1, R Kingdom (US), 12.97; 2, C Jackson (GB), 13.11; 3, M McKoy (Can), 13.21. **Other British:** 5, A Jarrett 13.68. **400m hurdles:** 1, K Young (US), 48.62; 2, P McGhee (US), 48.83; 3, D Patrick (US), 49.87. **High jump:** 1, J Lott (US) 2.31m; 2, P Sjöberg (Swe) 2.25m. **Long jump:** 1, L Myricks (US), 8.58m; 2, M Powell (US), 8.32m; 3, Y Alli (Nigeria), 8.26m. **Triple jump:** 1, D Badinelli (It), 16.85m. 2, M Conley (US), 16.66; 3, D Falise (Bel) 16.47m. **Pole vault:** 1, K Tarpenning (US) 5.75m; 2, D Fraley (US) 5.70m; 3, E Bell (US), 5.70m.

WOMEN: 100m: 1, E Ashford (US), 10.94; 2, G Torrance (US), 11.02; 3eq K Berndt and K Krabbe (both EG), 11.13; 5, N Cooman (Neth), 11.21. 6, M Göhr (EG), 11.23. **200m** (wind +2.49mps): 1, S Gladish (EG), 22.80; 2, M Masullo (It) 23.17; 3, T Dendy (US), 23.18. **400m:** 1, P Müller (EG) 50.47; 2, J Richardson (Can) 50.59; 3, L Leatherwood (US) 50.90.

800m: 1, S Colovic (Yug), 2:01.61; 2, E Washington (US), 2:03.23; 3, L Sheskey (US), 2:08.56. **100m hurdles** (wind +2.14 mps): 1, K Knabe (EG) 12.80; 2, C Oschkenat (EG) 12.80; 3, L Tolbert (US), 12.84. **400m hurdles:** 1, S Busch (EG), 54.89; 2, E Fiedler (EG), 55.62; 3, I Trojer (It), 56.29.

Chairmen to delay decisions

By Andrew Longmore

The state of English first-class cricket will come under scrutiny at the regular meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) at Lord's today. But, though proposals will be put forward on the major issues of pitches, four-day cricket and overseas players, few decisions are likely to be made at what is traditionally more of a late-season "talking shop".

The chairmen of the 17 first-class counties will have been left in no doubt about their responsibilities to the state of the national team after their informal dinner with the chairman of the board, Raman Subba Row, last night.

Subba Row would undoubtedly have aired his strong views on the state of county cricket and some of his proposals are bound to be the subject of debate at today's meeting.

"There are no fundamental propositions on the agenda for the meeting," said Tim Lamb, the Board's cricket secretary. "But I am sure that the chairman's message will be that counties ought to be taking a more global view of the game than they are at the moment.

"The time is ripe, after such a disappointing summer, to look at ourselves closely and there will doubtless be some frank discussions on the state of the game. Some things are clearly not as they should be and I am sure the board will be looking at them in time for the winter meeting in December. But there will not be any radical decisions taken at this meeting."

At the top of the list will be the declining state of county pitches. The TCCB pitches committee met last Tuesday and it is likely it will be told to report back later in the year with some recommendations for improving the standard

No clues yet about squad for India

Graham Gooch's availability for the winter tour to India will not be known for another week.

Gooch, England's emergency captain in the Oval Test against the West Indies, was one of more than 30 players to receive a letter inquiring whether they are free to tour between early December and late February.

Last Tuesday was the deadline for replies and Micky Stewart, the England cricket manager, has begun sifting through them.

Chairman, Peter May, and his fellow selectors, first want to discuss their tour options at their next meeting on Friday week before releasing the rejections. That is when they will pick the side for the Lord's Test against Sri Lanka, starting on August 25.

Alan Smith, chief executive of the TCCB, said: "The selectors don't want to rush anything. They want time to study the list of availability. After all, it will be prepared for their benefit and their next meeting is more than a week away."

Chris Cowdrey, captain of Kent, the Britannic Assurance championship leaders, who had to drop out of leading England in the Fifth Test at the Oval, has recovered from the damaged foot which caused his absence.

Cowdrey has been back in the nets at Canterbury and said: "I am fit again and looking forward to being back in action against Derbyshire at Chesterfield on Saturday."

● Somerset County Cricket Club has received good news about Martin Crowe, its New Zealand Test batsman. Tony Brown, the club's secretary, said yesterday: "We understand Martin is making satisfactory progress from the back injury which forced him to go home some weeks ago.

Worcestershire's day

Worcestershire will face Middlesex in the final of the NatWest Trophy at Lord's on September 3.

The two counties, who are also in contention at the top of the Refuge Assurance Sunday League, confidently saw off their respective semi-final opponents, Hampshire and Surrey, on Wednesday.

Worcestershire were defeated in three semi-finals in 1985 and 1986, but they put the record straight yesterday with a 29-run victory. Hampshire, chasing a target of 269, were finally bowled out for 239 when Hick took their final wicket in gathering gloom at 8.27pm.

Hampshire, kept afloat for so long by Terry's valiant 80, might easily have carried their fight into the following day, but three times they rejected the umpires' offer to leave the field for bad light and drizzle. As it was, the innings was interrupted twice by rain, but the Hampshire captain, Nicholas, had no complaints.

" I think we were probably outplayed for all the game", he said. " We could have come off but it would have been even harder trying to score at nine and 10 runs an over when starting afresh in the morning."

Little went right for Hampshire from the moment Jefferies bowled O'Shaughnessy with a no-ball. The batsman had made only four but went on to hit 62, sharing in a decisive opening partnership of 148 with Curtis, who was made man of the match.

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Samaranch waves the Games' flag of truce

Lausanne (AP) — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday launched an "ultimate attempt" to get all countries, including North Korea, to take part in the Seoul Games.

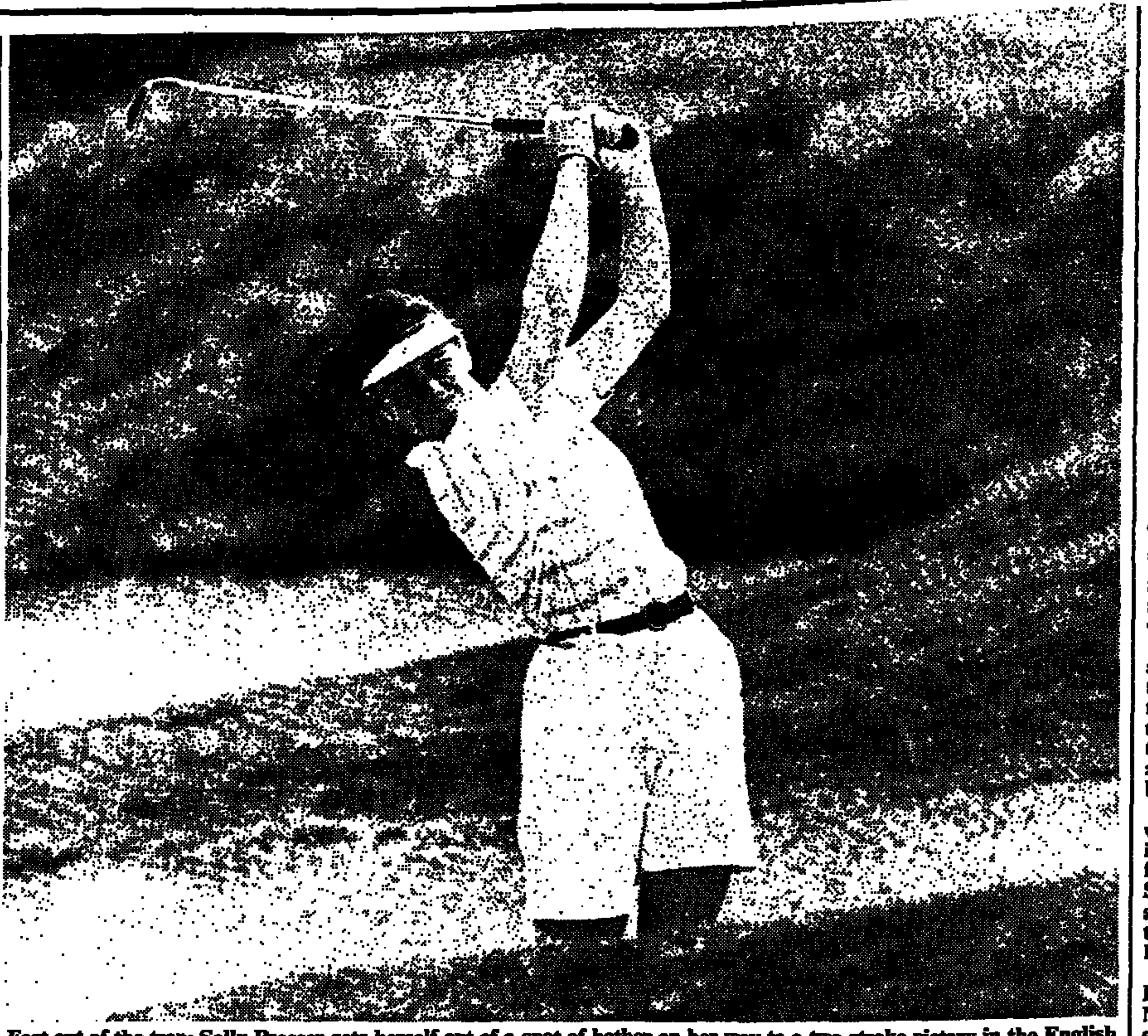
The plan calls for North and South Korean teams to march side by side at the opening and closing ceremonies, each team carrying its own flag and preceded by a single Olympic flag.

"Such a highly symbolic event would allow the youth of Korea to show in the most striking way that it belongs to one and the same nation, and to demonstrate its strong desire for dialogue and reconciliation," Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, said in a letter sent to the heads of both countries' national Olympic committees.

An IOC official said the flag proposal was an "additional effort" made in conjunction with Samaranch's previous offer to have North Korea stage five events.

"The IOC wishes to reaffirm its fervent desire to bring the youth of the whole Korea into the Games of the 24th Olympiad," the letter said.

A record 161 nations have signed up for the Games, which begin on September 17. North Korea and five other countries have not replied to the IOC's invitation.



Fast out of the trap: Sally Prosser gets herself out of a spot of bother on her way to a two-stroke victory in the English women's amateur stroke-play championship at her home club, Wentworth, yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Tyson's yes to Bruno

Mike Tyson, who only two weeks ago announced he was pulling out of a September 3 contest with Frank Bruno for his world heavyweight title, has now agreed terms to meet his British challenger at Wembley Stadium on October 8, Jarvis Astaire, the British promoter, said yesterday.

Astaire, said: "The lawyers worked it out last night after Tyson returned home from Los Angeles. We will have a 60,000 capacity, which is the same as we were planning for September 3." That presumably means that the two boxers will also earn what they were originally offered, Tyson a reported £4½ million and Bruno £1 million.

Bruno, the No 1 challenger, had originally been down to meet Tyson in June but the world champion decided instead to meet fellow American, Michael Spinks. After that 91-second demolition job, the unbeaten 22-year-old then declared that he was quitting the ring.

Tyson was in the process of trying to split from his manager, Bill Cayton, but, with that dispute settled, Astaire flew to New York two weeks ago to attend a press conference at which Tyson was expected to announce that, far from retiring, his mandatory defence with Bruno on September 3 was on.

Instead, Tyson stated that the British No 1 was not in his immediate plans.

Yesterday, Astaire said Tyson had given him his word to defend his title against Bruno on October 8. "He stated personally today that he would be there. We have agreed on it," the Wembley deputy chairman stated.

Astaire told *The Times*: "We are delighted because it will be the biggest sporting event ever staged in this country as regards finance. It will be shown live on TV in the States and elsewhere round the world, but not in Britain. I expect a gate of 60,000."

Terry Lawless, Bruno's manager, said: "I have not yet seen an unbeatable boxer. We are in a business where the underdog can win. Cassius Clay was 8-1 when he faced Sonny Liston.

"Frank has been desperate for this since he and Tyson worked together several years ago. Now he has the opportunity to reach his goal.

"It's still a bit hard to take in until I see Tyson on TV or see the actual contract myself. But I am happy with the new date — two months is perfect. Frank has never been one to miss training, and he's in great shape."

Makoski's high noon is Langer's low point

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Edmond, Oklahoma

All golfers are entitled to one moment of glory and for Bob Makoski, a name unlikely to strike terror in the hearts of such as Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo and Curtis Strange, it came at about noon here yesterday when he momentarily led the US PGA Championship with a first round of 69.

Makoski, aged 36, is, by his own admission, playing in the biggest tournament of his life and he chipped in for birdies at the 12th and 15th holes. With those, this strapping, 6ft 4in, golfer from Michigan, who was the first baseman for the Californian Angels baseball team 14 years ago, climbed to the dizzy heights of the head of the leader board.

He was not destined to stay there for long. Jeff Sluman and Steve Jones both joined him there and Paul Azinger later captured the lead with a course-record of 67, which is four under par.

Ballesteros was patiently building a firm foundation on which to win this championship. In contrast, Ken Brown and Bernhard Langer were both struggling in the steamy heat as Ian Woosnam and Faldo practised before teeing off late.

Ballesteros had one birdie and one bogey in a mostly uneventful outward half. He did, however, miss three good opportunities from inside of 10 feet.

Brown found the ball to be travelling through the air further than in practice, and he over-clubbed at the second and sixth holes. At the latter, he required two shots to return to the sanctuary of the green and so he was compelled to mark a six on his card. He recovered one of those shots when at the seventh he holed from 12 feet for a birdie.

These are lean and lonely times for Langer. In his last four tournaments in the United States he has failed to survive the half-way cut. The last time he broke 70 was on June 10. At the Open Championship last month he took five putts on one green and 42 putts in all during the final round. The evil "yips", which he bravely conquered earlier in his career, have returned to torment him.

The complex problem of solving this dilemma, whether it be with a special 52-inch putter, as popularized on the Seniors Tour by Billy Casper, to which he might turn, or with his left-hand below the right, has served only to place additional pressure on the rest of his game. He is no longer driving the ball with authority or accuracy and he has lost his touch around the edges of the greens.

Langer fluffed a chip at the first, which left him with an 8-foot putt that he comfortably missed. He chipped poorly at the next, and had to hole from six feet for his par.

At the third, he had his first realistic chance of a birdie. He practised with a conventional grip, switched at the eleventh hour to having his left hand below the right, and prodded, rather than stroked, the ball two feet past the hole.

When at the 5th, he chopped the ball out of the sand, following an indifferent approach, he showed little signs of enthusiasm. There, Langer looked like a man with anything on his mind but playing golf. That steely, determined look has momentarily retreated from his eyes. At the sixth, he was just over the back, 30 feet from the hole, but he hit a poor chip which left the ball eight-feet short and left of the hole.

He inspected the grass from where he had hit the ball. There, sadly, no excuse could be found. A good putt shaved the hole at the seventh. It might have toppled in, but that other vital ingredient — luck — has also deserted him. When he took three putts on the eighth from 20 feet he was three over par.

Langer took three putts again at the 11th during an inward half in which he had three birdies but dropped a shot at two other holes. He finished with a 74. "It's a crazy game," he said. " I don't know why my putting is so bad again but I'm also not happy with other parts of my game."

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	441	4	10	379	4
2	392	4	11	466	4
3	584	5	12	445	4
4	200	3	13	149	3
5	590	5	14	453	4
6	377	4	15	434	4
7	440	4	16	479	5
8	171	3	17	200	3
9	386	4	18	429	4
Out	3,581	36	In	3,434	35

Total yardage: 7,015 Par: 71

Prosser holds on for victory

By John Hennessy

Sally Prosser kept her head, kept her lead and came away from her own club, Wentworth, yesterday with the English women's amateur stroke-play championship.

With a total of 297, she beat the holder, Julie Wade, by two shots. Third place was shared by Susan Shapcott, the 1986 winner, and Lora Fairclough, of Chorley, both with 300.

Prosser, aged 25, a former Surrey champion,has a professional career mind and is anxious to attract a sponsor, which ought not to be difficult in view of her engaging course presence and, now, an important title among her credentials.

The morning's round had reduced Prosser's lead to only one stroke over Jill Thornhill, captain of the Britain and Ireland team for the forthcoming world championship.

But her nearest opponent was never able to find her game and, starting with three fives, she quickly dropped out of the running, especially as Prosser had extracted birdies from the first two holes.

With the decline of Thornhill, Wade and Shapcott, two other members of the world championship team, emerged as the strongest challengers. Wade went to the turn in 36, one under par — unhinged only by three putts at the fifth — and Shapcott in 37. Both, however, came home in two over par, Shapcott particularly suffering with her putter.

Prosser, too, had her setbacks on the greens and an extra putt at the fourth and sixth undid her flying start. She therefore turned in level par and was pegged back further by a bunker at the 12th and yet another third putt on the 15th.

A superb drive set her up nicely for the par five she needed at the 18th but a two-iron into a bunker cast one final doubt. She came out like a good 'un to 10 feet and, with two for it, needed only 1.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 297: S Prosser (Wentworth), 73, 74, 76, 74. 299: J Wade (Felixstowe Ferry), 77, 74, 75, 73. 300: S Shapcott (Knowle), 77, 75, 74, 74; L Fairclough (Chorley), 78, 76, 71, 75. 303: J Thornhill (Walton Heath), 77, 72, 75, 79. 304: J Morley (Sale), 74, 79, 78, 73; A MacDonald (Andover), 75, 75, 75, 79; K Mitchell (Worthing), 76, 80, 75, 73. 305: N Way (Neville), 78, 75, 76, 76. 307: F Macdonald (Frinton-on-Sea), 76, 79, 74, 78. 309: J Furby (Masham), 79, 77, 75, 78; L Chesterton (Wearside), 81, 78, 73, 77; K Harridge (Cowdray Park), 85, 69, 75, 80; H Hustler (Ilkley), 78, 75, 78, 78. 310: T Yarwood (Haydock Park), 77, 75, 82, 76.

SPORT IN BRIEF

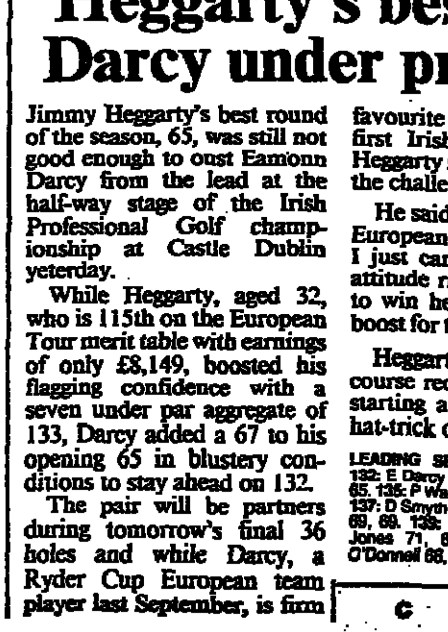
All Blacks challenge

Wellington (AFP) — The New Zealand All Blacks will play three matches against a World XV in 1992 to celebrate the centenary of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union.

The union's chairman, Russ Thomas, said the world squad would comprise 30 of the best players in the world, subject to their respective unions' agreement.

Laing named

Kirkland Laing, aged 34, the British welterweight champion, has been named as the official challenger to the European title-holder, Marco Martelli.



Laing: official challenger

Crew funds

Britain's Olympic men's rowing eight are to receive assistance in their preparations for Seoul. Each crew member will recieve £1,000 sponsorship from the Minet Awards for Olympic Excellence scheme, run by the Sports Aid Foundation.

Defence team

Kristina Gifford, aged 17, daughter of the former champion National Hunt jockey, Josh Gifford, joins Alice Clapham (Hampshire), David England (Scotland), Sophie Newman (Somerset), Victoria Osborne (Leicestershire) and Mark Rimell (Worcestershire) in the team to defend the European junior three-day event title at Dijon onAugust 18.

Ollerton out

Sydney (Reuter) — The former Australian international, Peter Ollerton, has been banned from playing or coaching football anywhere in the world for 10 years after hitting a referee.

Heggarty's best puts Darcy under pressure

Jimmy Heggarty's best round of the season, 65, was still not good enough to oust Eamonn Darcy from the lead at the half-way stage of the Irish Professional Golf championship at Castle Dublin yeterday.

While Heggarty, aged 32, who is 115th on the European Tour merit table with earnings of only £8,149, boosted his flagging confidence with a seven under par aggregate of 133, Darcy added a 67 to his opening 65 in blustery conditions to stay ahead on 132.

The pair will be partners during tomorrow's final 36 holes and while Darcy, a Ryder Cup European team player last September, is firm favourite to hold out for his first Irish Professional title, Heggarty is anxiously awaiting the challenge.

He said: "I have had a poor European tour season because I just cannot get my mental attitude right. I am desperate to win here to give myself a boost for the rest of the season.

Heggarty fashioned his course record-equalling 65 by starting and finishing with a hat-trick of birdies.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES: 132: E Darcy 65, 67. 133: J Heggarty 68, 65. 135: P Walton 68, 67; L Higgins 68, 67. 137: D Smyth 66, 71. 138: C O'Connor jnr 69, 69. 139: C O'Connor snr 68, 71; D Jones 71, 68; R Browne 71, 68; K O'Donnell 68, 71.

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Rugby's game of pros and cons

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There is a children's game called Consequences in which, within a broadly defined framework, the contestants write a brief comment, fold over the paper and let the next player write his comment. When the game is over the resulting "story" is read aloud and the competitors fall about with laughter.

The subject of rugby union and South Africa is a bit like that at the moment, except that the final consequence of the abandoned international tour has yet to be determined and no one within the game is laughing.

One picture being painted with increasingly vivid colours is that of organized professional rugby union within South Africa, possibly as early as next year, the centenary of the South African Rugby Board.

Ever since the International Rugby Football Board last March lifted the ban on tours of South Africa, the proposed seven-match tour by an international party, due to begin this Saturday, has looked increasingly unlikely.

The decision this week to call it off is merely an acknowledgement of the lack of support from the leading rugby-playing countries, for a variety of reasons.

The way is clear for Louis Luyt, the president of the Transvaal Rugby Union, to carry out the threat he uttered in May: "If the World XV tour falls through professional rugby could start here very soon."

Sympathizers will not be lacking

In the atmosphere of disillusionment which is bound to pervade South Africa, he will not lack for sympathizers among the public and players, many of whom — if reports are to be believed — are already being paid for representative appearances.

Conversely, Danie Craven, for so long the voice of South African rugby, appears an increasingly frail power. He tacitly admitted as much in a statement announcing the cancellation of the tour: "I offer my apologies to everyone for the hope I held out which has now been dashed."

Dr Craven suggested that politicians overseas had proved too strong for those who wished to support South Africa. "When a minister for sport telephones individual players who were ready to come here and threatens them with all manner of things, it becomes clear to what level the human race has sunk," he added with reference, I imagine, to France.

I wonder what role leading players from New Zealand may have during the coming 12 months.

There is, within the group which last year won the inaugural World Cup and has recently gone unbeaten on a 13-match tour of Australia, a hard core of half a dozen players who were also members of the 1986 New Zealand Cavaliers, the unofficial tour of South Africa which stirred up such a hornets' nest.

They include Wayne Shelford, the captain, and Grant Fox, so influential a player because of his goal-kicking.

Professionalism at top inevitable

There are few mountains left for these players to climb, but one of them remains victory over the Springboks in South Africa. That was one of the lures for the Cavaliers; if there is also a considerable financial inducement held out, then it may be worth bearing in mind the recent words of John Drake, New Zealand's World Cup prop:

"It's inevitable rugby will become professional for the top players. It's a commercial reality; the NZRFU will have to look after the players and not only give them recompense but pay them a bit more.

"It's bad news when an All Black has to hassle to get a hardship allowance for his family. They should be giving them (the players) a lot more for what they're doing.

" The switch to professionalism will happen. Whether South Africa will be the catalyst I don't know. I just know it's inevitable."

In the absence of any big political initiative, South Africa may well introduce professional rugby. I am optimistic that the amateur game is big enough to survive it and that it may well be healthier for the purse.

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